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Party monopoly ends as Russia breaks with 70 years of history

Gorbachov's 1990 revolution

Growing power of President attacked

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

Party leadership agreed yesterday to break with more than 70 years of history and end the party's exclusive right to

The vote to approve the draft political platform including revising Article Six of the constitution which guarantees the party's "leading role" and the introduction of a presidential form of government — was bailed as a signal victory for President Gorbachov's attempts to reform the Soviet system from within.

The reforms had come in for fierce opposition from party reformists and traditionalists alike at the extended crisis Central Comm-

Mr Boris Yeltsin, the radical former leader of the Moscow Communist Party, described the draft platform as half-hearted and ambivalent and was reported to be the

only person to vote against it.
Mr Yegor Ligachov, formerly number two in the
Soviet hierarchy, attacked what he saw as the tendency to weaken the unity of the party and condemned its tolerance of "anti-socialists" and "nat-ionalists" within its ranks. But after Bours of debate, Mr Svyatoslav Pyodorov; a

leading eye surgeon attending the plenum as an observer, emerged to declare: "There will be no Article Six. There

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The weather in depths

 As extremes in the climate become ever more pronounced, and meteorologists are forced to revise their methods of forecasting the world's weather, a £1 billion project

involving an international team of scientists is looking - not to the skies, but to the oceans - for the answers. Our four-page Science & Technology section, beginning on page 33 reports on the mysteries of Earth's "thermal

Portfolio PLATINUM

 There were seven winners of yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio 3). Today's chance to win £2,000 is on page 31

Exam results A further list of London University degrees is pub-

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The Soviet Communist We will have normal democ- the Communist Party still racy. It's fantastic."

Mr Alexander Yakolev, a polithuro member, said later Mr Vadim Medvedev, said that the Cabinet and President would have full power and that would be a step forward to democracy.

The strength of feeling, especially among defenders of it will become an uncontrolled the Communist Party's tra-deluge and fall under the ditional monopoly on power,

Eastern Europe are doomed to extinction." Professor Silvin its of the struggle against Romania, points to the tech-nical and scientific changes

Article 6 text. Leading article.

was such that the two-day meeting was continued into yesterday, and even after the platform had been approved, it dragged on into the evening as delegates discussed the Lithuanian Communist Party's decision to declare itself delegates condemning the Lithuanian decision and call-

ing for it to be suspended. The overrun complicated plans for the first evening of the US Secretary of State Mr James Baker's Moscow visit, which had twice been post-Central Committee session.

ealed a split between those blamed the reforms under-taken so far for what they saw as the anarchy and indisci-pline destroying the stability

of the country. others because they thought it would weaken the authority of

stake. "Either we prove able to lead a rapid but controlled process of transformation, or influence of populist demaers of pogroms," he said.

London shortly after the vote Downing Street as she hailed the vote as "a great decision". Communist Party and its Central Committee were full promote perestroika and deepen it. He had earlier rebutted claims made by some delegates that perestroika had

caused the country's problems

- it had merely brought them into the open, he said. His words were echoed by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the independent of the Soviet consolidate healthy forces, to-Party. The session ended with morrow there may emerge conditions it is easy to foresee the entry of dictators large and small with nothing to prevent them turning back the development of our country.

On Tuesday, Central Committee members had heard Mr poned to accommodate the Ligachov - who is regarded as the leader of the conser-Reports of the meeting vative wing of the leadership who wanted yet more thor- direction the party was taking, oughgoing reform which in particular its tolerance of would eventually turn the party into a political group like any other, and those who

on the unification of Germany Delegates criticized Mr
Gorbachov's proposals to extend the power of the president, some because they disapproved of one-man rule, others because they thereby it.

Mr. Lieuchest Amil.

Mr Ligachov emphasized Continued on page 22, col 4



Red Square scramble: Reporters crowding in on Lieutenaut-General Yuri Shatalin, a Central Committee member, as he leaves the Kremlin yesterday.

Mr Gorbachov: Carried the

Emergency alert as gales strike

ings of widespread storm-

Warnings of the "severe and damaging" weather approaching were sent to all bodies which might be called on to deal with the aftermath of the storm sweeping in from the

Premism rates for household, over the United Kingdom in a guards began searching the north-easterly direction shoreline. police, fire brigades and local are likely to rise as much as 25 councils were on emergency per cent by the end of 1990 alert last night after the Meteo-because of the recent storm rological Office issued warn- damage. The rush of claims is expected to top £3 billion in

> Letters. Photograph

south of the country between 10pm yesterday and 3am. Last night the first galeforce gusts from an expected The forecast was for winds 12 hours of wind and rain reaching 90mph on the coasts began buffeting the Southand 70mph inland, with gusts west. Weather officers forecast up to 100mph, reaching the an all-night storm passing

whipped up by a "vig Atlantic depression.

as strong as those which battered southern counties on floods were affecting many January 25 killing 47 people and causing damage estimated Train services were can-at £1 billion. This time, celled in South Wales and though, the North was expected to suffer as well.

night for the four-man crews ther conditions and coast-

The South-west and Wales had already been particularly They feared winds could be badly hit by yesterday's strong as those which squally weather. Gales and parts of the region.

parts of Scotland after heavy rain. River authorities were on Fears were growing last red alert in many areas.

Gusts of up to 100mph were of two 12ft boats working the reported in the South-west, sandbanks of the River Dee and AA Roadwatch said on Merseyside. Lifeboats from motorways and major roads West Kirby and Hoylake were were flooded throughout launched in worsening wea- southern England. In South Continued on page 22, col 1

Saunders fails to stop trial reports

By Michael Horsnell and Frances Gibb

Mr Ernest Saunders, the for- sections of the media to his mer Guinness chairman, lost a application for a contemporaover of Distillers.

The first trial will begin on Monday when Mr Saunders, aged 54, and three other defendants will face a number of criminal charges arising out of an alleged illegal sharesupport operation mounted by Guinness during the company's successful bid.

A second trial at which Mr Saunders and three different co-defendants will appear will begin in October.

Yesterday he lost a complex legal battle to prevent the reporting of the first trial until prejudice the later hearing. After a legal challenge by all test case.

legal battle yesterday to prevent reporting of the first of
two trials he faces over the
company's £2.5 billion takeover of Distillers.

application to a containput of
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Appeal refused Mr Saunders
leave to appeal against a
judgement last week by Mr
Justice Henry at Southwark Crown Court.

The Appeal Court ruling also means that for the first time the media are able to Appeal rating...

report that Mr Saunders faces two trials. The ruling has averted a widely-feared dan-ger that the case would, as Mr Justice Henry put it, disappear behind "a curtain of reporting

restrictions". Reporting has been subject reporting of the first trial until to unprecedented restrictions the end of the second on the under the 1987 Criminal Jusgrounds that contempora-neous media coverage would fraud cases, of which the prejudice the later hearing. Guinness trial is the first big

Identity parade for attack girl

By Stewart Tendler and Stephen Warr

A girl aged seven who was abducted and sexually assaulted took part in an identity parade last night, believed to have been conducted with the use of a video camera.

Mr Ralph Hacems, solicitor for Mr Russell Bishop, aged 23, who is being held by police investigating the abduction and assault, and several of Mr Bishop's relatives, were also at the police station at Brighton,

The girl was found abandoned and naked at a beauty spot near Brighton on Sunday. Magistrates agreed on Tues-day that Mr Bishop could be held for a further 36 hours. held for a further 36 hours.

Police said they had found the clothing taken from the girl. They are appealing for the driver of a red Ford Sierra

King refuses help to Wallace inquiry

By Shella Gunn, Nigel Williamson and Edward Gorman

ary inquiry into Mr Colin Wallace's allegations of a smear campaign against senior politicians in the 1970s.

His defiance threatens severely to hamper the Conser-vative-dominated Commons defence committee's inquiry into the affair announced earlier yesterday in spite of the insistence of Mr King and Mrs Thatcher that there is not enough evidence to justify it.

changed its mind, according to Mr Michael Mates, its chairman, after admissions by the Ministry of Defence of "some maladministration" in the same time into the same thing," he insisted. The per-

The decision coincided with fresh allegations by Mr Wal-

Mr Tom King, the Defence lace that British intelligence Secretary, made clear last used smear tactics against Mr night that he is not prepared to co-operate with a parliament- Irish Prime Minister, during a general election in the Irish Republic in 1973. Mr Wallace also alleged in a letter to Mrs Thatcher yesterday that the House of Commons was still

being given false information. Giving evidence to the Commons procedure com-

Parliament ...

ment of the inquiry, Mr King The committee was originally reluctant to become he would authorize the embroiled in the affair, but questioning of his officials by the defence committee.

thing," he insisted. The personal conduct of individuals is

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RAISED IN THE HIGHLANDS.



THE FAMOUS GROUSE FINEST SCOTCH WHISKY

QUALITY IN AN AGE OF CHANGE.

No10 dispenses medicine for ills of the press

seen near the area at the time

of the attack to come forward.

UT INGHAMITIS-

By Nigel Williamson Political Staff

Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's press secretary, dropped his usual cloak of anonymity yesterday as "sour-ces close to the Government" went on the record with a withering attack on the failings and foibles of the press.

At a press gallery luncheon at the Commons, Mr Ingham placed his stethoscope on the heart of the Fourth Estate and diagnosed five debilitating sicknesse afflicting the "raddled diseaseracked body" of the public prints. "The illnesses I have isolated in journalism are probably old viruses in acute form.

They are nevertheless rife." Le Carré syndrome includes a tendency not to believe every word uttered

theory of life, not merely of politics, and to reject absolutely the cock-up theory of the human experience."

The Consu Doyle complication, a closely related complaint, has reached "epidemic proportions", resulting in journalists who "never go for the simple explanations when an elaborate theory can be constructed".

Columnar pox is "a social contagion particularly affecting diarists and gossip columnists arising from intercourse with the chattering classes. It is marked by a wilful refusal to check any fact lest a paragraph is lost to truth".

The Coleman/Carpenter phenomenon "is a condition which ensures that the

by Mr Ingham and his army of basic facts of the case, like, for example, government press officers. "It conditions the journalist to the conspiracy what the Prime Minister actually said, are never reported". But the most serious disease of all is Separatitis. "This is an unshakeable

belief in the media's entitlement to lead a privileged existence." Mr Ingham, a former Guardian and

Yorkshire Past journalist, but now apparently enjoying the security that comes with a self-diagnosed clean bill of health, said of his present profession: "I sometimes compare press officers to riflemen on the Somme, mowing down wave upon wave of distortion and taking out rank upon rank of supposition. deduction and gossip while laying down a barrage of facts behind which some thing approximating to the truth might

NEWS ROUNDUP

Minister rules out law on governors

Legislation will not be used to stop local authorities filling school governing bodies with their political supporters, Mr John MacGregor, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, said in a letter made public yesterday by Mr Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman (Douglas Broom

However, the minister condemned Conservative and Labour councils which have removed political opponents from governing bodies, substituting their own nominees. Higher standards in education could not be achieved unless governors were prepared to work for the good of the school "without regard to political allegiance", Mr MacGregor said.

Mr Straw presented a Bill to the Commons requiring councils to ensure that governor nominees reflected the political balance on the council. He condemned the Labour-controlled Manchester City Council's dismissal of all Consequentiates from supporting the dismissal of all Conservatives from governing bodies. Its example has been copied by Conservative-controlled Barnet, Wandsworth and Kent, as well as the Isle of Wight, which is SLD-controlled.

Spares dealer guilty

Robert Whyatt, aged 41, of Billericay, head of an Essex-based car parts firm, was found guilty at Liverpool yesterday of conspiracy to steal and re-sell components from the Ford plant at Halewood on Merseyside (Ronald Faux writes).

An employee, Robert Crotty, aged 29, of Chadwell Heath, London, and Mrs Lynn Jones, aged 33, of Dingle, Liverpool, were found guilty of handling stolen goods. Nine other defendants have already pleaded guilty to related charges. All 12 will be scatteneed today. His warehouse manager was found not guilty of handling stolen goods.

Satellite check on art

An art and antiques theft register that can be used to beam high-quality images of stolen works across the globe was launched yesterday (Nick Nuttall writes). The satellite system is being offered to auction houses, collectors and dealers keen to ensure the goods they handle are not stolen property. The system will also be used to scan world art market catalogues to spot suspicious items.

Snatched baby plea

Mrs Shanike Glover, aged 22, mother of a baby snatched from her husband's car, made an emotional appeal for his return yesterday (Ruth Gledhill writes). Police are searching for a mystery caller to a helpline who they believe could hold the key to the abduction. Mrs Glover, who is living in a hostel, broke down at a press conference at Southall police testion many locations when he were the conference at t station, west London, yards from where her son, Ames, aged 5½ months, was abducted on Monday evening.

Tory MEP leader vote
Sir Christopher Prout, QC, was yesterday re-elected unopposed as leader of the Conservative MEPs in a move seen as vindicating his attempts to bridge the gap between the 32 MEPs and Downing Street (Michael Binyon writes from Brussels). The deputy chairman, Mr. Christopher, lackson Brussels). The deputy chairman, Mr Christopher Jackson, MEP for Kent East, was also unopposed. The group retains its strongly federalist flavour, with re-elected members including some strongl former critics of Mrs Thatcher.

Food disease move

The Government may make food poisoning illnesses such as lysteria and salmonella notifiable diseases, Mr Roger Freeman, junior Health Minister, hinted yesterday (Our Technology Correspondent writes). He said on BBC TV's Open Air there were strong arguments that doctors should notify such diseases. A Department of Health spokesman said a review of which diseases should be made notifiable was being undertaken but no decisions had yet been made.

350,000 warrants out over unpaid poll tax

issued in Strathclyde to more than 350,000 people, including almost a third of those liable to pay the community charge in Glasgow, in an effort to recomp

In the region, which has lunest half Scotland's populaeary warrants have per cent of the 1.75 million eople liable to pay.

Strathchyde is prepared to

write off up to 5 per cent of the £331 million it should collect in pell tax revenue compare with only I per cent under the rating system. Mr John Mullin, convener of the reeion's finance committee, suid people still had time to pay.

Sheriff officers in Lothia region began action against non-payers and people in substantial arrears to assess ods which can be set aside for sale against debts.

Loyalists' murder threat after IRA bomb

By Edward Gorman Irish Affairs Correspondent Two "loyalist" paramilitary groups said yesterday that future IRA attacks on workers at the Short Brothers acrospace plant in east Belfast would lead to instant retal-

iatory murders of Catholics. The warnings came after the third IRA bombing of the overwhelmingly Protestant company in seven months. A 30lb Semtex device detonated yesterday morning inside a hangar where work was being carried out on an RAF training aircraft. No one was injured and damage was minimal.

In a statement to a local radio station after the attack, the Pro-visional IRA said it now regarded those of Shorts' 7,000 labour force who were working on defence contracts as legitimate military targets. They would be regarded as targets similar to building con-tractors and suppliers working for the security forces in the province, 13 of whom have been killed in IRA car bombings and shootings since

The IRA added that a warning had been given this time to avoid casualties. Next time there would be no warning before attacks on what the Provisionals called "military areas" of the factory.

Last night the Ulster Freedom Fighters, the military wing of the "loyalist" Ulster Defence Association, and the Protestant Action Force, a cover name sometimes used by the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force, both issued warnings that Catholics would be targeted if the IRA killed or injured workers at

In a call to a news agency, the Protestant Action Force said that

retaliatory violence would be inst-ant. Two Catholic workers em-ployed in "loyalist" areas of Belfast would be killed if any Shorts worker were injured or killed by the IRA.

Canadian company Bombardier, said it was aware of the IRA threat, but declined to comment about measures being taken to counter it.

Yesterday's attack is an embarrassment for Shorts, which has tried to improve its security since IRA bombings in November and July. The company has kept security under constant review since the first attack, and has taken a number of measures, including installing a new perimeter fence and stepping up the frequency of security patrols.

Local trades union leaders and politicians from both communities condemned the attack as an assault

yesterday he believed a fire at the headquarters of the Stevens inquiry In a statement last night, Shorts, which was sold in June to the outside Belfast early last month was started deliberately and had destroyed all the files accumulated by

Speaking in the Irish Parliament in reply to a question, Mr Collins said: "I am concerned at what appears to be a deliberate effort on somebody's part to burn out the Stevens inquiry head office, which destroyed all the documents that had accumulated during the course of the inquiry."

Republic's Foreign Minister, said

Mr John Stevens, the deputy chief constable of Cambridgeshire, has been leading detectives investigating allegations of collusion between Protestant paramilitaries and the

headquarters at Carrickfergus caused extensive damage to the control-room on the night of Janu-

not only on people's lives but also on the Northern Ireland economy.

• Mr Gerard Collins, the Irish An RUC investigation into the cause of the blaze has yet to be completed. In a statement after it happened, Mr Stevens attempted to head off speculation about arson. He said the fire had begun in a locked. room during a change in teams of

officers on night duty.

He said all the records and files had been duplicated as a matter of course beforehand and the investigation would not be impeded. Government sources in Dublin last night were unable to offer any clarification of Mr Collins' remarks or say whether they were based on information received from the British authorities or merely his own

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power urged for regional development

By Richard Ford, Political Corresponden

the last decade, to ensure the

focus of policy was on produc-

ing employment, create con-

ditions in all parts of the

growth and decentralize and

restructure decision making.

Under a programme for

action, the report demands a review of government re-search and development, the

encouragement of regional banks and venture capital

schemes. Economic regenera-

tion centres and local eco-

nomic innovation centres

would be developed and local

authorities would be able to

develop new social and municipal enterprises.

the lines of West Germany.

The assemblies would be

ordered to produce strategies

for their own areas and local

offices of central government

would be responsible to the

In the private sector, the

report suggests that all public

be reorganized to ensure re-

would be required to provide

statements on the regional

John Darwin, of Sheffield City

Council's employment depart-

ment, says a more radical and

committed drive towards removing inequality and in-

creasing prosperity was

The Enterprise Society: Re-gional Policy and National Strategy (Centre for Local Eco-nomic Strategies, Alberton House, St Mary's Parsonage, Manchester M3 2WJ; price £15)

The report, written by Mr

policies being pursued.

and large firm

The report calls for directlyelected regional assemblies and a study into the idea of a "Council of the Regions" on

A huge devolution of power which suffered most during away from Westminster to the regions to ensure a better distribution of economic development throughout the country was urged in a report country to help provide published yesterday.

Regional assemblies would be set up with a brief to produce a regional strategy and local offices of govern-ment departments would be accountable to the assemblies.

The far-reaching proposals in the report, published by the Centre for Local Economic Strategies, would involve the creation of regional banks, decentralization of the media with a regional location for the headquarters of Channel Five, and more local programmes in radio and television.

Local authorities would be freed from restrictions preventing economic development and would be encouraged to develop municipal enterprises to create jobs and wealth.

The report calls for elected regional assemblies and devolution of power to become the core of a national strategy for employment and eco-

Mr Bryan Gould, the retary, said at its launch that gional equity, merger policy Albania was the only European country which was more regional implications to be over-centralized than Britain. He said that the concentration of power and wealth in

the South-east meant that the interests of the rest of the country took second place. We always have to slow down the economy in the interests of the overheating South-east just as manufacturing industries in the regions are beginning to get underway

again," Mr Gould said. The objectives of the pro-posals would be to distribute employment and economic development throughout the country, particularly to areas

Devolution of Artist claims tax relief for eye surgery



John Brathy, the artist whose blazing colour and sculptural quality of his oil paintings are trade mark, is to test the Inland Revenue over the repair of the most vital tools of his fession, his eyes (Simon

Tait writes). Mr Brathy, aged 60, a mem-ber of the Royal Academy, is still enable to paint after an

John Bratby, the artist who is claiming the cost of eye surgery against income tax, with his wife, Patti, in Paris yesterday. retinas. He has been told there still anable to see out of his my trade is my eyes. I can't is a 25 per cent chance of fail-are, which would mean he right eye. The eye needs daily are, which would mean mecould not paint again. "I seed

the moment I can just about draw, but no more," he said. King's Cellege Hospital, south London, just before Christ-mas, cost \$2,000. He returns

Mr Brathy has instructed income tax. "A phot

claims for his cameras, his lenses. I claim for my paints, my brushes and my canvases, but the most important tool of

Each year from 1996 to 2000

He was speaking from Paris, where he is working on Artists' Quarterly, of which he is editor. However, he is unlikely to pursue his claim through the courts. "There seems to be no precedent but it

Thatcher's attitude dismays her MPs

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

The inner circle of Conservative backbenchers has protested to the Prime Minister about the high-handed attitude of ministers formulating policy.

The complaints came at a private, hour-long meeting between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and the 18-strong executive of the 1922 Committee of Tory MPs on Tuesday afternoon.

Afterwards, many MPs were disappointed that she had not listened more closely to their concerns. There had been no evident meeting of minds.

They were dismayed that the promise of more responsive leadership in the wake of Mr Nigel Lawson's resignation and Sir Anthony Meyer's doomed challenge to her last year had apparently not materialized.

The Prime Minister spent most of her time defending her position. The tone of the meeting was described as civil but negative. She was said to have gone on "auto-pilot" as she justified the level of Freasury support for local government.

The internal split over Hong Kong passports was cited as an example of how a controversial policy had been drawn up without reference to backbench opinion and then understandably run into fierce opposition. Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr David

Waddington, the Home Secretary, who appeared before the executive the week efore, were clearly the target.

Mrs Thatcher evidently judged that after the turmoil of past weeks over the community charge and Hong Kong it was time for her to make clear there could be no further concessions, that she was committed to the positions taken and that she expected her backbenchers to put aside their criticisms and swing behind her and her ministers. MPs also complained that the

government whips were acting like a pressure group rather than taking

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One in four English water rates to rise 58 per cent in three years

By Our Political Correspondent

One in four water rate navers will face increases of up to 58 per cent over the next three years, the Government said yesterday as it tabled charging limits for 26 of the 27 statutory water companies in England, Big rises are needed to pay

for the £1.7 billion investment in the water industry over the next decade in the wake of privatization. The latest figures set out E Surrey permitted increases which will E Worcs

be monitored by the director general of water services. Charges will rise sharply from 1990/91 to 1992/93 but will then increase more slowly.
Mr David Trippier, Minister for the Environment and the Countryside, said that the

Government's proposals most of which require formal finalization - would allow charges to rise by 6.5 per cent a year on average, after allow-ing for inflation over the next After that, he said, the

average increase would be less than 2 per cent for five years. Nevertheless, some huge increases are expected in the next three years. They include Bournemouth (62 per cent). East Anglian (52 per cent), East Worcestershire (54 per cent). Eastbourne (48 per

cent) and Wrexham (52 per Mid Sussex's increase will be put forward shortly, and final figures for 20 companies will be fixed after the 28 days

Mr Trippier said that over

the next 10 years prices would

rise by an average 23p on the

present monthly bill "in

per cent). West Kent (50 per

considering these limits, we during recent droughts" was have considered with each company its future programmes, operating costs and financing needs to the end of cent). Tendring Hundred (70 this century.

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"We have had particular regard to the improvements in drinking water quality required to secure or facilitate compliance with the requirements of the drinking water quality regulations," he said.

*Charges limits determined. † To be announced. also catered for.

STATUTORY WATER COMPANIES - CHARGES LIMITS

Determinations and proposed determinations announcement of

February 7, 1990 (as percentage increase)

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• A £40 million scheme to end the misery of flooding for thousands of Berksbire homeowners is being proposed by the National Rivers Authority. A seven-mile long ditch, up

to 60 yards wide, is proposed to divert flood water around the towns of Maidenhead, Eton and Windsor, Officials from the authority are drawing Mr Trippier said that up final maps for the channel investment to renew old infra- route. It would cut a huge structure and to augment wat- swath through farm pastures er resources "to overcome the and land rich in gravel depos-

would have to be demolished. Thames Water, a forerunner of the authority, first looked at the scheme six years ugo,

A channel would start at Taplow Hill to take excess flood water around the east of Maidenhead, through Dorney and Eton, allowing it to empty back into the Thames west of

• The National Rivers Authority is to pay consultants £68,000 to investigate last year's water restrictions in the South-West when thousands of consumers faced problems during the summer drought.



Noel Johnson: An underpaid "special agent" who quit.

Dick Barton comes clean about BBC

Trouble and Dick Barton Special Agent go hand in hand (David Sapsted writes). It was as true yesterday as it was almost 40 years ago, when the cult radio show abruptly disappeared from the airwaves amid rumours that the BBC considered it a had influence on youth.

Breaking the agent's code of silence for the first time. Noci Johnson - the first of three actors to play the role - said why he had quit in 1949.

It was not because "the role started to take over his life", as the BBC's press release would have it in a blatant example of disinformation. Rather, he disclosed, he had left because the corporation's godfathers were underpaying him.

"I got 2,000 fan letters a week, yet I had less money in the bank than before I started," Dick the First said. "I felt I was underpaid."

All of which rather spoiled the party at Broadcasting House, called to bring the Bartons - Mr Johnson, Duncan Carse and Gordon Davies together for the first time to launch a Radio 4 documentary, Still a Special Agent, to be broadcast next week:

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Saunders fails to ban Guinness case reports



By Michael Horsnell

Mr Ernest Saunders, the former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, failed yesterday in an attempt to ban reporting of the first of two trials arising from the bitterly contested battle between his com-pany and Argyll to take over the Distillers drinks group.

Mr Saunders will be the only

defendant to appear in both trials, the first of which opens at Southwark Crown Court on Monday. He had argued that contemporaneous reporting of that case would prejudice the second.

But yesterday the Court of Appeal upheld a ruling by Mr Justice Henry on Monday that it would be wrong for the trials to "vanish for months behind a curtain of reporting restrictions", clearing the way for light to be shed for the first time on what is seen as the City trial of the century.

The ruling yesterday means not only that the first trial may be reported, but also that journalists may report for the first time that there are to be two trials.

The core allegations against the seven men who face proceedings concern an alleged illegal share support operation mounted by

Mr Eggar should have known

The court was told that the

Mr Jeremy Carter-Man-

explain to them that, whatever

their motives, what they had

done was wrong and he told

them not to do that sort of

Three days later, the father

went to Mr Eggar's house with his daughter, Mr Carter-Man-

ning said. The minister tried

to explain what he had done to the child, bending towards her

"Mr Eggar received a tremendous blow from the

right. He recled back and there

was a struggle, and the father

but failed, counsel said, add-

commenting on the judge's remarks. The man who as-

saulted me pleaded guilty, was

under-secretary at the Foreign

end of the matter."

to demonstrate, he said.

The media are not allowed to report the details of the indictment against the four men involved in the first trial - Mr Saunders; Mr Gerald Ronson, chairman of the Heron Corporation; Mr Anthony Parnes, a former City stockbroker, and Sir Jack Lyons the financier — until a

Crown Court jury is empanelled. The four defendants in the second trial, which is expected to begin in October and last four months, are: Mr Saunders; Mr Roger Seelig, former Morgan Grenfell corporate finance director, Mr David Mayhew, senior corporate finance director of Cazenove; and Lord Spens, former corporate finance director at Henry Ansbacher Bank.

The severing of the indictment on the grounds that a jury could not be expected to cope with a global trial was ordered on September 21 by Mr Justice Henry who will preside over both trials.

It was he who last week turned down an application by Mr Saunders, supported by two of his co-accused, for an order under section 4 (ii) of the Contempt of

Guinness during the company's Court Act, 1981, postponing reports successful £2.5 billion bid for of the first trial until the end of the of the first trial until the end of the

> The judge ruled that his decision was not part of the preparatory hearings for the trial, and therefore not covered by the blanket ban on reporting such hearings. It could not, however, could not be reported until yesterday when the Court of Appeal refused Mr Saunders leave

to appeal against the ruling. Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Potts held yesterday that fair and accurate reporting of the first trial should not cause prejudice to the hearing of the second, and dismissed a "bold Leading article.

assertion" by Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, counsel for Mr Saunders, that

Mr Justice Henry fell into "fundamental error" in his approach to in considering whether to impose a reporting ban under the 1981 Contempt of Court Act.

Lord Justice Russell said Mr Justice Henry's judgement was "careful, reasoned and closely

analytical" in setting out the issues. The court was satisfied it would be "quite wrong" to interfere with the exercise of his discretion.

The judges said their judgement and that of Mr Justice Henry could be reported, but that the legal argument leading up to each ruling could not

They also held that Mr Saunders had no right of appeal against the

Lord Justice Russell rejected Mr Ferguson's central argument that Mr Saunders had the right of appeal because Mr Justice Henry had embarked upon an exercise which involved a question of law. It had not been demonstrated that any question of law relating to the case had arisen in Mr Justice Henry's judgement, he said; and even if there had been issues of law for him to determine, it had not been demonstrated that the judge erred in the way he approached his task.

The judges endorsed Mr Justice Henry's comments on the standard of reporting required during the forthcoming trials. It would have to be fair and accurate, and newspapers and broadcasters would have to have proper regard to preserving

Mr Justice Henry added: "To this end, the media must ensure they have proper internal discipline. It is primarily for the media to comply with the law and to inform themselves sufficiently to be able to do so to protect the fairness of the second

He said fair reporting of courts was the best safeguard of the rule of law and it would be wrong for the trial to "vanish for months behind a curtain of reporting restrictions". But he said he would keep the matter under review and if selfregulation did not preserve fairness.

he would consider a ban again. He added: "I will consider with counsel for the parties and the media the best mechanism for alerting the media to sensitive

Mr Justice Henry said it was important that reports of the matter should make it clear that Mr Saunders's application was justified. He would not regard words such as muzzle fair in relation to the application for reporting restrictions.

Mr Saunders, aged 54, declined to comment as he left the court.

Takeover trials to emerge from their restrictive curtain

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Court of Appeal's ruling effect last October, committtal yesterday has narrowly av-erted a widely feared danger that - in the words of Mr Justice Henry - the Guinness trials would disappear behind a curtain of reporting

ject to an unprecedented set of reporting restrictions under a

series of statutes. The first arise under section 11 of the Criminal Justice Act, 1987, which imposes strict limits on the reporting of the

new pre-trial preparatory hearings, which are aimed at simplifying and shortening serious fraud trials. The press has also - under Mr Saunders's latest application - been threatened with restrictions under the Contempt of Court Act, 1981, section 4(ii), which gives judges power to postpone

reporting of trials or parts of trials in the interests of the administration of justice. That move was opposed by a number of news org-anizations, including The Times, and was rejected on Monday by Mr Justice Henry,

who said the fair reporting of courts was the best safeguard of the rule of law and that Guinness trial, it would not be right for it to start and then curtain of reporting restrictions.

The upholding of that ruling in the Court of Appeal yesterday cleared the way for reports of some of the details

even what it may now say. Under the criminal justice prosecution for contempt of provisions which came into court.

proceedings are by-passed and the case can be sent immediately to the Crown Court. In the meantime, tight restrictions apply both to any application by the defence for

the case to be discharged; and Media reporting of the to the new, so-called prepara-Guinness case has been sub-tory hearings at which the key tory hearings at which the key issues are identified. These go further than any normal restrictions on report-

ing of committal proceedings in that for the first time, the decision of the court itself cannot be reported. The apparent justification is

that it would be damaging for the defendant if it were reported that a judge ruled there was evidence for the case to proceed; and that many of the issues at the preparatory hearings would not be reportable had there been ordinary committal proceedings. It has not been possible,

therefore, for the press to explain that charges against the seven defendants were split last September when the judge ruled the whole case, which involves 13 separate incidents, was too complex for a jury to cope with and was 'unmanageable".

Nor, until today, has the press been able to explain that given the public interest in the the first trial is to concern per cent, against the same eight of these incidents and four defendants; the second, vanish for months behind a five incidents and four defen-Without Monday's ruling, it

would still not be possible. The Attorney General has made clear to editors that it is "highly important" that their surrounding the trials because they are in his judgement.

Had Mr Saunders not view of contravention of the sought that ban, the press would still be unable to report any newspaper crossing the even what it may now say. line could be at risk of

Seven to receive share of £4,000 win

PORTFOLIO

There were seven winners of yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio competition.

Mrs Barbara King, of Worthing, West Sussex, said her children would be the main beneficiaries of her good fortune. "I have a daughter at university who always seems hard up and a son, aged 16, who is usually sceptical about the competition but will probably change his tune when I buy him some new cricket equipment."

Mr Robert Jones, of Notingham, will use his winnings to pay off the interest on a professional studies loan he took out to finance a year at law school. "Training to be a solicitor is a long haul," he said. "But life is fall of surprises, as I found out this

Among the other winners, household repairs, in anticipation of the spring or as a result of storm damage, are

the main priority.

Mr John Etherington of Hutton Henry, Cleveland,

said it was "bigh time to stop the rot" in his conservatory. Mrs Anne Preece of Bournemouth, Dorset, whose home is still being battered by gales along the South coast, will replace the garden fence. "We also lost the TV

aerial," she said. They share the prize with Mr Edwin Crowe of Orping-ton, Kent, Mr Alan Holl-ingsworth of South Ascot, Berkshire, and Mr Kim Callagban of Marton, Warwickshire, Each of the winners receives £571.40.

Fewer fail drink-drive breath tests

A clear signal that police are not to be given stronger powers to curb drink-driving was given by the Government yesterday, as new evidence emerged that the problem is declining (Quentin Cowdry

Home Office figures showed that the percentage of English and Welsh drivers failing tests in the first three quarters of 1989 fell to 21 per cent, 6 per cent lower than in the same period the year before.

Police also administered 15 per cent more tests after accidents but found that the proportion of failures fell by 5 period in 1989. In all, 342,900 motorists were breath-tested. Mr David Waddington, the

Home Secretary, who has recently persuaded the Cabinet that police should not be empowered to breath-test at random, welcomed the figures and said that the drink-driving message was "getting across" to the public.
"The fact that the propor-

tion of positive tests continues to fall shows that the police are making full use of the

Judge labels minister idiot over flower picking girl

A Crown Court judge yes-terday branded Mr Timothy Eggar, Minister of State for Employment, "stupid, idiotic and provocative" for grabbing a girl aged six by the neck and taking her into his house after he had caught her picking flowers in his garden.

Judge McHale said at Croydon Crown Court that he sympathized with the annoyance felt by the child's father who, three days after the incident, went to the minister's house, head-butted him and punched him in the face.

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Mr Eggar last night refused to comment on the criticism. 'I was at Croydon Crown Court this morning ready and willing to give evidence. Because of the nature of the legal proceedings I was not able to explain to the court what actu-

ally happened." he said. The father pleaded guilty to causing actual bodily harm and was given a 21-day prison sentence, suspended for a year. He was also ordered to hit him on one or two more pay £290 compensation to Mr occasions, with Mr Eggar try-Eggar, aged 38 and MP for ing to restrain him by putting Enfield North, for repairs to his arms around him. two broken crowned teeth and the replacement of his dam-

aged clothes. Mr Andrew Caldwell, for ing that both men fell to the the defence, said the child had ground in the scuffle. been held by the base of the neck by Mr Eggar and taken back to the house in Fentiman Road, Lambeth, south London. "She must have been very

upset if not terrified," he said. Judge McHale, who made an order preventing identification of the girl, said to the father: "I sympathize with you entirely in feeling irritation Parliament in 1979. He was an that your daughter had been interfered with in the way she Office in 1985 before promowas, and I should have tion to his present position thought that a grown man last year. He is a former merwas, and I should have seeing a child stealing flowers chant banker and ex-chairman would know better than to of Cambridge University Con-

take a small girl into his house. servative Association. Apart "It was stupid, idiotic and a from gardening he counts provocative thing to do and skiing among his interests.

Blind girl's special meeting



Ashleigh Temperley, a blind removed after treatment for a sponsoring the event, said the girl aged six, hugging the rare form of cancer failed. She prizes were "a recognition of Prime Minister as she over-was one of 150 children chosen the positive side of youth, and came her stage fright during to receive a McDonald's Child of the childrens' ability to an awards ceremony for coura-(Libby Jukes writes). Ashleigh, from Denston,

of Achievement award from overcome adversity and enrich geous children at the Guine-hall in London yesterday friends and youth groups the another tritain. us children at the Guild- thousands nominated by friends and youth groups more than they take".
throughout Britain.
Mr Paul Preston, British children were "VEPs — very

Type and Wear, had her eyes president of the company exceptional people".

Malicious prosecution finding

Man awarded £40,050 after police assault

A pilot was awarded £40,050 raise the level of damages paid damages against the Metropolitan Police by the Metropolitan Police with Mr David Waddington, a High Court jury found that he had shattered his client and turned him into "something of a recluse". Popplewell that the incident had shattered his client and turned him into "something of a recluse". The officers left after he convinced them he was not a claimed the police planted the converse at the frequency of the frequ

assaulted by officers.

cious prosecution and assault number of bad apples in the Clous prosecution and assault.

It was the seventh time in a year that the Metropolitan Police has had to pay damages for wrongful arrest or massing the seventh time in a year that the Metropolitan Police has had to pay damages for wrongful arrest or massing the seventh time in a year that the Metropolitan Police has had to pay damages for British Acrosphore works for British Acrosphore wor

le concern at the frequency of Mr Leonard Lawrence re-ceived the damages for mali-

Middlesex, had accused officers of sticking a tax disc from his Ferrari, which he had sold, on to the windscreen of his Ford Carri The incident have

They returned 10 minutes of the tax disc offence 15 later and took him outside to months after being charged.

Mr Lawrence was acquitted

for wrongful arrest or malicious prosecution.

Mr Tony Banks, Labour
MP for Newham North West,
chairman of the London
group of Labour MPs, is to

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space, won £25,000 in pullondon, where he was working as a heating engineer in
February 1984. Mr Lawrence
was knocked to the ground
when PC Kenneth Dring's

salo at Hammersmith, west
its tax disc, which had been
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Video-recorders spread to one household in two

By David Walker

One British family in two owns a video-recorder, according to the Cen-tral Statistical Office's latest Family Expenditure Survey.

If the rapid increase in homes with a video noted in 1987 and 1988 continges into the 1990s, such equipment may soon become as common a household item as freezers (owned by 75 per cent of families) or even telephones (installed in 85 per cent of homes). The number of videos rose 7 per cent during 1988, the latest year for which Family Expenditure data exists.

While televisions are a universal fixture (98 per cent of homes), substantial numbers of households (34 substantial numbers are accontracted of household comprises 2.52 people, so per cent) lack such accontracted of household comprises 2.52 people, so

the good life as central heating. But not all consumer durables are increas-ing. The proportion of households with a computer was the same in 1988 as in 1987 - 17 per cent.

Telephone ownership is continu to rise - from 83 per cent in 1987 to 85 per cent the year after. Similarly, car ownership rose by 3 per cent. How-ever, some 34 per cent of homes are

The Family Expenditure Survey each year asks a 7,200-strong sample of households where they get their income and how they spent it.

In 1988 the average household spent £204 a week, up 8 per cent on the previous year in cash terms and 3 per cent in real terms. The average

spending per head was £81 a week. The biggest item in household budgets was food (19 per cent), followed by the expenses associated with renting and owning a home (17.5 per cent).

Heating and lighting cost 5 per cent of the average budget, and clothing 7 per cent. Spending on cars and transport was twice that on clothing at 15 per cent.

on leisure goods and services while people in the West Midlands spent nearly half as much. Spending on food was the largest item in most regions, but varied from

There are some notable differences between the regions. The people of East Auglia, for example, spent nearly 20 per cent of their household income

and Wales to 17.5 per cent in the The lowest weekly household spending was in the North (£164.38)

and the highest in Greater London (£232.92). For households where the head is in a professional or managerial position, expenditure was £333. Blue-collur households spent £213.

The survey established beyond doubt how significant is the contribution made by married women who work outside the home. Where the wife worked, average income was £432 a week, with the wife contributing 27 per cent. Where the wife did not work, average income was £311, with the wife contributing 8 per cent.

Family Expenditure Survey 1988, (Stationery Office; £18). nearly 21 per cent in Northern Ireland

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* Funds crisis 'has driven scientists from Britain'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

entists working abroad have are only the tip of the iceberg signed a petition delivered to as far as the brain drain is Mrs Thatcher yesterday saying that inadequate funding
for science was the main

The majority of scientists obstacle preventing their

Four of the signatories ex-plained why they believe Brit-posts in the first place." ish science faces a crisis. They all spoke of better conditions abroad: better funding for equipment and long-term commitments, and higher academic salaries.

They estimate that at least the college. an extra £400 million a year is needed to remedy the sitnation in the UK.

Professor Michael Duff. professor of physics at the Texas A & M University, spoke of Britain's lost genera-tion of scientists between 25 to 40 years of age.

Professor Duff, aged 41, resigned posts at Imperial College, London, and the European Centre for Nuclear Research, in Geneva, in 1988. He said the brain drain was a very real and serious prob-

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lem for British universities,

for British science and ultimately for Britain as a whole. "The decision to quit my position at Imperial College, to sell our home and move my family to a foreign country was not taken lightly," he said.

"It is a measure of the demoralization, frustration and anger I felt that the work to which I had devoted my career was not appreciated.

"This feeling of anger is one which I believe is shared by thousands of my fellow scientists throughout Britain.

"It has been brought about by the under-funding of scien-tific research, by the feeling that universities have been singled out for attack by the Government and by miserable academic salaries.

"Competent British academics can easily triple or quadruple their salaries by moving to the United States."

offered generous start-up funds by universities for their research and stand a much greater chance of obtaining government research grants. People like me who gave

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More than 1,600 British sci- up permanent jobs in the UK

The majority of scientists leaving Britain are of a younger generation who were un-

When he resigned from Imperial College he was 39 years old. Professor Duff said he was the youngest of the nine members of staff in the theoretical physics group at

But he said physicists in Britain typically got their PhDs aged 24; so where were all those between 24 and 39? "The tragic answer is that a whole generation has been

Some left the academic world altogether, but many were forced to go abroad to fulfil their ambitions.

Dr Robert Bywater, head of molecular biophysics and drug design with Pharmacia, in Sweden, left Birkbeck Collese. London, in 1973.

He said his present research department had 20 British PhDs: 10 per cent of the top researchers; and he was constantly looking for more.

He said that in the 1960s Britain lost to the United States its three leading scientists in quantum chemistry because of lack of support for basic research in the UK.

Research laboratories in pharmaceuticals throughout the world now used daily the advances by those quantum

Dr Angus Lamond, group leader at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Heidelberg, obtained his PhD from Cambridge in 1984. He spent three years at the Centre for Cancer Research, at MIT in the United States, "to get my BTA (been to America) degree" that was essential to get top jobs in Europe.

Dr David Norris, aged 31 postdoctoral fellow at the University of Bremen, also in puadruple their salaries by West Germany, said he was a noving to the United States."

West Germany, said he was a member of the largest group,
31 per cent, who signed the

petition. Funds in Germany were better than those offered in Britain and he received twice the salary that had been offered earlier.

Dons call for reliable 'brain drain' figures

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

nic "brain drain" leaving their jobs. are so unreliable that they not prove that a problem actually exists, the Associ-ation of University Teachers (AUT) said yesterday.

Unless urgent action was taken, the universities would be powerless to counter gov-ernment assertions that there was no convincing evidence to substantiate the "brain drain" claim, the union said.

Premouncements have been based on the annual publication of the Universities Statistical Record, which collates figures supplied by the univer-sities. Although the figures show a growing number of cannot compel people to tell dons going abroad to work, only a minority of academics going," he said.

Official figures on the so- declare their destination when

The latest statistics show that while 160 does resigned to work abroad, 90 went into industry and 108 joined the public service; 577 left without stating where they were going.
"Until we can produce reliable
figures, there is very little
chance of convincing a highly
sceptical Government," the

Dr Alex Nichol, execut secretary of the Universities Statistical Record, conceded that the figures could not be used to prove conclusively that a brain drain was under way. "The problem is that you

Wife was depressed

Lady Helen Anne Nutting, wife of the former Conservative Minister of State for Foreign Affairs who resigned in 1956 over the handling of the Suez crisis, killed herself after suffering from

the handling of the Suez crisis, killed hersell after suffering from depression for 12 years, Westminster Coroners' Court was told yesterday (Mark Souster writes).

Her husband, Sir Anthony Nutting, aged 70, said in written evidence that Lady Nutting, who died aged 60 on January 4 and who he had married in 1961, had been a little more agitated than usual on January 3. He had found her body in the garage of their home in Kensington, west London, with a suicide note. their home in Kensington, west London, with a suicide note. The coroner, Dr Paul Knapman, recorded a verdict that while suffering from depression she killed herself.

Snapped up

former Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu fetched £93 pounds at an auction in Nottingham. A signed photo of Ayatollah Khomeini made £1,210 and a letter signed by Hitler went for £600.

Meter charge

A man aged 24 was remanded on bail until February 21 at Guildhall Justices Rooms, London, accused of stealing 19 parking meters.

Training ban

Race-horse training has been banned from the Caldbeck and Uldale commons in the Lake District because of objections from local farmers.

Export deal

Ginetta, of Scunthorpe, which produces only four hand-made sports cars a week, has agreed a £2.25 million export goods and services last year, order with the Japanese.

Airport action A signed photograph of the An airport engineer has been suspended after driving across suspended after driving across the path of a jet coming into land at Heathrow.

Tourists drive A record one million holidaymakers took their cars abroad last year, turning their backs on air travel, the AA reported.

Hard worker Mrs Barbara Mayers, aged 25, who works 140 hours a week at the hotel she part-owns in Torquay, Devon, was named Britain's Hardest Worker.

Crash award Paul Tamburello, aged 10, who saw four of his family killed in a crash, was awarded £10,233 High Court damages.

Poor service

Six out of 10 consumers complained about shoddy

Trainee pilots mark revolution in the air

After the decision by the Royal on its warships on the high seas, it was the turn of the Royal Air Force yesterday. The first two women to begin training as jet aircraft pilots started their 10-month course alongside eight men at the No 1 Flying Training School, RAF Linton-on-Ouse, near

Cox and Julie Gibson, both aged 27, it was the realization of an ambition. Although present policy means they will not be able to fly front line combat fighters, they are the pioneers of a programme that

recruitment problems as the Navy and the Army, hopes women will make up at least 10 per cent of its annual intake of 230 trainee pilots.

Yesterday, professing con-cern at what the "chaps" might make of it all, the two en recruits met iournaltelevision crews and photographers. Dresses in their khaki flying suits, they patiently posed by one of the red and white Jet Provost training aircraft.

The first five weeks of the course are given over to basic classroom training followed by a rigorous survival and leadership test on the wild moors of the Otterburn military range in Northumberland. They will then make their first flight in the jet and go solo after eight to 12 hours of instruction.

If they are judged good enough, they graduate to fast jet training in Hawk aircraft at RAF Valley, Anglesey, and qualify as instructors to belp



Flight Lieutenants Julie Gibson (left) and Sally Cox boarding a Provost aircraft at RAF Linton-on-Ouse yesterday. future. Otherwise, they can act of being able to earn their

Yesterday Lieutenant Cox,

as instructors on the Jet Provost and Tucano aircraft or fly in a wide range of non-

erable private flying experience but until last July, when the RAF changed its policy to allow the training of female pilots, they held out little hope

not something I am bitter or

Lieutenant Cox, whose hushand is a RAF fighter controlfrom Ipswich, who has been in the RAF for five years and serlicence in 1984 and has flown ved as a fighter controller in Cyprus, said: "My aim now is 90 hours in Cessus and Robin to fly the Hawk aircraft as an

instructor. And although, Lieutenant Gibson, from given the option, I would like Tavistock, Devon, is carrying to go on to combat flying, it is on a long family tradition of

service. Her father was a submarine commander and her grandfather a brigadier in the Indian Army.

She has logged 70 boars of private flying and said that she had tried to enlist with air forces in the United States, Australia and Canada to defeat the "no-women"

Dead dogs poster campaign relaunched

By Ruth Gledhill

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals yesterday relaunched its controversial campaign for a national dog registration scheme, which led to one of its officials being banned from Cruft's dog show.

The society placed a poste showing a mountain of dead dogs near Earls Court Undereround station, west London. next to the centre where the

dog show opens today. Posters bear the caption: While the Government looks the other way another 350,000

dogs look like this."
Mr Gavin Grant, RSPCA director of public relations, was banned from Cruft's this year after he refused to re-move similar posters from a stall at Cruft's last year.

He said: "The Government may be prepared to avert its gaze from the plight of dogs in this country but the RSPCA cannot. Last year 350,000 dogs had to be destroyed and the number of strays is at the

unacceptable level of 500,000. "We sought no confronta-tion with the Kennel Club. We just cannot turn away from

the plight of dogs."
Major General Martin Sinnatt, secretary of the Kennel Club, said the RSPCA had not applied for a stand at this year's show after Mr Grant was banned. He said: "We did not exclude them. They are running a publicity campaign. That is their business.

"We are running a dog



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ers from the minority of estate agents who use dubious practices or mislead the public, the chairman of the National

estate agents. She said agents should be examined on the law relating to house sale and obligations before they are allowed to set up in business.

Lady Wilcox, who suc-ceeded Baroness Oppenheim-Barnes as chairman last month, was introducing the council's Estate Agency paper, published in response to proposals by the Director-Gen-eral of Fair Trading for tightening up the rules govern-

She said: "I believe most estate agents do a good job. But unless dubious practices by a cowboy minority are stamped out, the public could gents generally."

The council paper agrees with the Office of Fair Trading that it should be a criminal offence for agents to publish misleading information and it wants local trading standards officers to be able to prosecute

you a three-piece suite or even

Lady Wilcox asked.

A council survey carried out among people who had been involved in recent house per cent of vendors thought the following case histories as complaints system and the agents "overall provided a good service" although only award of compensation to consumers who lose out because of malaractics by the charges were "reasonable" to the practices it wants to see eradicated.

"Mr P" of I are council has disclosed the following case histories as examples of the practices it wants to see eradicated.

"Mr P" of I are council has disclosed the following case histories as examples of the practices it wants to see eradicated. good service.

> The council concluded that there was sufficient public dissatisfaction with estate agents to require further statutory controls.

It recommends that agents could be banned from trading

6 Why should house agents be able to lie to clinch a deal?

for life if they over-value property to get a vendor's business, or knowingly undervalue it without the vendor's permission to make a quick sale, it also calls for trading bans if agents fail to disclose a rsonal interest in writing, if they fail to pass on bids to vendors because the potential buyers do not want to obtain a mortgage or endowment policy from them.

agents should clarify what they intend to charge in fees and commission. They should also explain that if an just a beg of flour must agent has "sole selling rights", describe the goods truthfully. Why should people who sell houses, the biggest purchase without his help. The council

Tough controls are needed to away with falsifying particu-protect housebuyers and sell- lars to try to clinch a deal?" terms such as these should on the contract: "Remember you must pay our fee even if you sell the property through

was told he could buy it only if he bought a mortgage through is, if you want to call it that". In the second case, "Mrs W", who was trying to buy a

house in London, was offered a mortgage by the estate agent. she thought she would need a mortgage protection policy but she cancelled it when she discovered it was poor value for money and unnecessary. She received a bill for £1,482 and found she had

signed a form promising to pay an arrangement fee of 2 per cent of the mortgage unless she took out an insurance policy through the In another case, "Miss R" made an offer on a London

flat and paid a deposit of £50. Two weeks later she was asked for, and paid, a further £100 deposit. She agreed to take out a mortgage through the agent's financial services subsidiary, but when she withdrew her offer because the flat did not was refunded the £50, but not the £100. She was told that had been used to cover the firm's expenses in preparing most of us ever make, get suggests that agents who adopt her mortgage application.

Unsolicited look at the Lord Chancellor



Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, with the cartoon he was given yesterday at the new Law Society Shop, opposite the Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand.

The Lord Chancellor took a idea of the Law Society Shop, break from steering govern-Lord Mackay of Clashfern ment Bills through the House heard, was to improve "access break from steering govern-ment Bills through the House of Lords yesterday and ventured into the Strand to visit the first solicitors' shop, opposite the Royal Courts of Justice (Frances Gibb writes).

consumers of legal services, he was to be disappointed, at of the Law Society, said: "We

Hayes, secretary general of the society put it, to present the "human face of the Law Society" and to promote the ible and accessible.

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itors. There are also paper-weights and ties, but no wigs famous high street than this." The shop's main castomers will be soliciture although the public and law students are expected also to use it.

cinde a careers advice centre, a recruitment service to help firms to find staff and a bookshop selling the Law Society's own publications. Videos are on sale, including

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yet, Mr Hayes said. Mackey took the chance to legal profession. Service to clients was the basis of his Courts and Legal Services

No mency was exchanged but the Lord Chancellor did not leave empty-handed. He was given a Law Society tie "very revealing; considering the situation. Not at all be Bill, he said. perhaps rather flatter. He welcomed the shop as There's nothing like so

Railway posters set joint world record

Enhancera came into its own sure 40in by 50in and were when two 1920s posters urging tourists to visit the East Coast by London North Eastern Railway each set a joint world record of £5,500 for posters.

The posters were the high-light of a sale at Onslow's on Tuesday of 55 posters from the studio of Tom Purvis (1888-1959), the foremost British poster artist between the world wars.

One shows a couple luxuriating under a parasol on a beach while the other has a bevy of bathing beauties joining a suitably nautical-looking Glasgow on Tuesday night. oarsman in a dinghy.

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mounted on linea so that Purvis could use them to illustrate his lectures. At the time of the commission, he charged up to £250 for a design. The two ters were each estimated at £2,000 to £3,000.

The National Railway Mu-seum, York, paid £5,500 for Purvis's archive, comprising specimens of work, press cuttings and snap shots of himself and his Lancia car.

Paintings by the Scottish Colourist group continued to fetch high prices at Sotheby's

Top lot was by FCB Cadell, featuring an overman-

SALERGOM by Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

imperial eagle seen through a half-open door, which sold anonymously for £176,000 (estimate £100,000-£150,000). Minor Old Master paintings fetched a record £687,950 at

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PERSONAL ORGANISER

Christie's South Kensington yesterday, with only 6 per cent unsold. "Three smokers at a table covered with a carpet". catalogued as "after Theodor Rombouts" sold for £20,900 (estimate £3,000).

month by the National Museum of Scotland and the Victoria and Albert Museum, can be seen at the International Silver and Jewellery Fair at the Park Lane hotel, Mayfair, from tomorrow. The coolers, by Paul de Lamerie, the Hug-uenot silversmith, were destined for the United States after

being sold at auction to Jack Koopman, the dealer, in 1987. The sale will include a candelabrum presented by Queen Victoria to the Archbishop of Canterbury to mark her marriage to Prince Albert in February 1840. It will be offered by Garrard for £75,000.

Loophole

By Mark Souster

MPs are being urged to close a legal loophole which allows elderly people living in small residential care homes to be exploited by unscrupulous

At present, homes which care for up to three people do not have to be registered or

House of Commons standing committee that is considering the NHS and Community Care Bill to force all establishments to register with their local authority, making them liable for inspection and clo-

Mr John Rea, the association's president, said many

said: "This forgotten generation has too often been subject to neglect and assault in small homes run for profit. I would not wish to see a relative of mine living in one of these One example of evasion of

Other homes escape the regulations by offering per-sonal care to three residents but only bed and breakfast

in law puts old people in danger

That means that residents run the risk of neglect and attack, the Association of Directors of Social Services says. Owners can also disregard fire and safety

The association wants the

small homes offered excellent care, but an unknown proportion of owners - some with records for fraud or assault had "turned evasion of the law into a science". Calling for new safeguards for the frail and elderly, he

the law was a larger home that had been deregistered after allegations of physical abuse against old people; it was able to reopen after it reduced the number of residents to three. In other cases, neighbouring homes are run by one owner who does not have to register them because they are separate units; one is said to own a street of 12 houses.

Dear has no regrets over disbanding crime squad

weeks of his five-year term as officers in the force are behind Chief Constable of the West Midlands, Mr Geoffrey Dear is being accused of leaving behind an atmosphere of bitterness and discord among detectives who were put back into uniform while an investigation into alleged corruption was conducted.

However, Mr Dear is quite certain that he was right in his unprecedented purge of the élite West Midlands serious crime squad, which he disbanded last June after allegations that evidence had been fabricated to gain convictions. Mr Dear, aged 52, who

becomes Inspector of Constabulary for the Midlands from April I, does not believe the force's accomplishments over the last five years should be overshadowed by his breaking up of the squad; or by his decision two months later to move more than 50 detectives from operational duties into administrative jobs to give a clear run to an inquiry being conducted by Mr Donald Shaw, Assistant Chief Constable of West Yorkshire.

The action was necessary to allow the inquiry to go ahead and to set and maintain high standards. It was also to signal the end of any assumptions that police officers could bend the rules to convict criminals.

Nevertheless, the serious crime squad issue is one of the most critical episodes of Mr Dear's career. His action has been attacked in Police, the magazine of the Police Federation, which suggested he had publicly humiliated the detectives and consigned them to longer use their police powers. Mr Dear said he believed that attacks on him from

within the force of nearly 7,000 officers were confined to former members of the serious crime squad and their supporters. He described them as a coterie of no more than 200 officers. He was not aware of public criticism of his actions. Mr Dear said: "I am totally

As he approaches the last six confident that around 6,700 is any wrongdoing proved

my action.
"We have said right from the start that when officers were cleared by the inquiry, they should go back on to ordinary duty. I would like that to happen before I left the force. I do not underestimate the distress to them and their

Mr Dear, who began his career as a constable in Peterborough and progr West Midlands through senior positions in other provincial forces and the Metropolitan Police, said the public no longer accepted that the police all about standards." could bend the rules to get the right man".

Corruption for financial gain which had existed in small pockets among the police in big cities had gone. "There has been a sea

change. There was a public attitude perhaps 15 years ago which said: 'If you cannot get them one way, get them another, as long as you get the right guy'. Conduct which was recognized unofficially, al-most admired unofficially in some quarters, is now being resisted.

"Writing your own rules is a very slippery slope to get on to. Where will it stop? If there



are still behind my action."

against the serious crime quad, they were living out of their time.

The Chief Constable denied that he stood aloof from the dismay of many detectives who undoubtedly would be cleared by the inquiry.
"Bearing in mind that you

not only run the force, but are also responsible for discipline, have to remain apart from. police force. It is going to go forward and up on its adherence to quality and standards and this crime squad thing is

Mr Dear, who has been widely tipped to become Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police eventually, believes it would be wrong if the last five years of the West Midlands force was rea bered purely for the serious

crime squad episode. He took over only months before the Handsworth ricks. erupted in Birmingham in 1985. The force was illequipped and ill-prepared. That had changed it had become technically efficient and properly equipped and, he believed, morale was high.

"A lot has been achieved in five years. It is a force which believes in itself. If you get outside the serious crime squad business you can see that immediately. Everywhere else is going up and up."

Mr Dear is not convinced

that the serious crime squad issue was part of a trend which also brought criticism of police action over Hillsborough, Wapping and the Guildford four.

The public, he said, remained hugely supportive of the police, but society bell become sharper edged less. tolerant of perceived in efficiencies and it was more willing to criticize. It had happened over the business world in the City of London. the running of the National Mr Dear: "Most of the force, Health Service, to solicates

Emigration in the 'Neighbours' era

Britons succumb to call of Australia

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent Australia, twice the number of 1985.

The rate at which British people are emigrating to Australia picked up noticeably in 1987 and 1988, the years after the first broadcast of the popular antipodean soap opera *Neighbours* in autumn 1986. Although the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys makes no mention of the possible influence of the television serial in its latest round-up of immigration and emigration figures, it draws attention to a "marked increase" in the net outflow of people to Australia.

By contrast, the number of people intending to settle in the other "old Commonwealth" countries, Canada and New Zealand, fell during 1987 and 1988. Migration to Australia from the United Kingdom was higher during the recession of the early 1980s, but the latest figures show it picking up from the

low levels recorded from 1983 onwards. In 1988, 44,100 British residents left for

The office reports that in 1988 there was a net loss of people from the UK -216,000 intending to settle here com-pared with 237,000 moving abroad. That loss is small compared with those in most years before 1983 but contrasts with the attractiveness of the UK to immigrants in the period 1983-87.

The net effect of migration by black people and Asians seems to be declining In 1988, there was a net outflow of people with residences in the UK to the Caribbean, while there was a net inflow of people from Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka, but at the lowest figure recorded in the 1980s. Some 11,900 people immigrated from the Indian sub-continent while 4,900 emigrated.

Figures show that, within the UK, Ulster and Scotland are substantial net exporters of people to England while

Wales is a net importer. In 1987-88, Wales gained a net total of 17,500 people from the rest of the UK, the highest figure of the 1980s.

About 40 per cent of people emigrathing from the UK are citizens of integrations who have been living last. Similarly, many migrants into the UK are British citizens returning - about 41 per cent are British.

During the 1980s, the attractions of other EC nations have gone up and down. In 1987 and 1988 there was a net loss of people living in the UK to other RC countries, compared with net gains free 1982 to 1986. But as far as the UK is concerned intra-EEC movements in relatively unimportant. In 1988, in example, more people emigrated to US than to EEC countries. International Migration 1988 (Su

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Zulu chief ready for immediate talks on ending apartheid

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Buthelezi fears rise in black-on-black violence

From R.W. Johnson Uluadi, KwaZulu

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the South African Zulu leader, yesterday declared himself ready for immediate negotia-tions with President de Klerk on ending

But, in an interview with *The Times*, he said he feared that the violence in Natal between the anti-apartheid United Democractic Front (UDF) and his own Inkatha movement, which to date has cost some 3,000 lives, could get worse. Black South Africans are only just beginning to confront the new political

world opened to them by Mr de Klerk, and Chief Buthelezi's suggestion that negotiations could start immediately is calculated to embarrass the African National Congress and its local supporters.

The latter, accustomed to the politics of protest, have generally been thrown into confusion by the very idea of the politics of negotiation, despite such negotiations were what they have so long

Chief Buthelezi is bound to be a pivotal player in these negotiations—indeed, he was the only black leader besides Nelson Mandela, the jailed ANC leader, singled out for special mention by Mr de Klerk.

As I talked with Chief Buthelezi in his KwaZulu Cabinet office here, it became clear how important had been his experience with the KwaZulu-Natal Indaba, which had devised a multi-racial



Chief Buthulezi: He is regarded by the ANC as a collaborator with Pretoria. democratic constitution for the region. The Indaba plan was dismissed by Pretoria at the time, but now it could become the blueprint for a new South African constitution.

When I asked the assembled KwaZulu Cabinet who they thought their allies in negotiation might be, a roar of laughter crupted—for that had been the subject of their Cabinet discussion that morning. There is no doubt, either, that their consideration of such matters is a long way ahead of other groups in its sophistication.

Thus while, Inkatha favours private enterprise and has an image of being

rather anti South Africa's Indian popula-tion, it believes it may, in certain tion) did last year and send their fighters circumstances, find allies among some Indian groups as well as among the far-left radicals of the Pan Africanist' Congress, for all that the latter is trying to outflank the ANC by refusing altogether to negotiate with Pretoria.

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Chief Buthelezi is a man of great charm and intelligence, but also a deeply hated man; the ANC not only regards him as a collaborator with Pretoria but holds him responsible for the bloody fighting between Inkatha and the UDF.

The fighting has achieved fresh intensity in recent months. House-burning, necklacing (the murder of victims with a burning car tyre around the neck) and the sound of gunfire are common in many black Natal townships. On Tues-day night, I was told, heavier guns were heard for the first time. Those I spoke to laid the blame squarely on the UDF's "young comrades", but proof is hard to come by.

Chief Buthelezi himself angrily denies all responsibility for the violence, claiming, no doubt correctly, that much of it is committed by criminal elements beyond the control of either side.

"I pray only for the violence to stop," he told me. "We have opened fresh peace talks with the UDF, but I fear the violence is only going to get worse now that young ANC insurgents will be dribbling back from exile, bringing their AK-47s with them.

"They'll try to do what Swapo (the

streaming back, gun in hand. It's essential for everyone that this is not allowed to happen."

I put it to Chief Buthelezi that, while Inkatha may have held on to much of its power base as a result of the fighting, the price had been high not only in lives but in the tarnishing of his reputation both at home and abroad.

"We have certainly paid a high price," he said. "The great superiority of the ANC has lain in its international diplomatic effort, and they have got the foreign press to swallow their version of events. But when it comes to a question of survival, you simply have no choice. You protect your people, your base."

Chief Buthelezi felt that the Natal question was now fundamental to negotiations, for neither Inkatha nor the ANC would be keen to sit down with the other while the violence continued. It was, in any case, essential to establish peace so that proper elections could take

He believes that the ANC has departed from its historic tradition and come under communist influence largely because, in exile, it has been disembodied and out of touch with its grass roots. As it returns home it too will find that the question of power bases is fundamental.

In Mandela's decision to have a house built for himself in his native Transkei, Chief Buthelezi sees a clear sign that Mandela hopes to consolidate his sup-port there and thus become the only ANC leader with both a large rural and urban following.

Meanwhile, Chief Buthelezi has considerable sympathy with Mandela's dilemma: who could want to be made a virtual prisoner of one's ANC bodyguards the way that Mr Walter Sisulu and the other recently released black leaders had been?

Chief Buthelezi placed great hope on the possibility that he and Mandela, the leaders of the Zulu and Xhosa peoples

Pretoria (AFP) - Four black men were burnt to death when petrol bombs were thrown into a bus at Botshabelo township near Bloemfontein in the Orange Free State, police said yesterday. And in Natal, police said that a 15-month-old haby was burnt when a shack was set on fire at a settlement.

respectively, could achieve some rapprochement, but emphasized that a considerable gulf remained between them, as Mandela's recent endorsement of sweeping nationalisation and the armed struggle had shown.

I pointed out to Chief Buthelezi that the ANC would never accept the notion that he represented all Zulus and that, in the event of an ANC-Inkatha rapprochement, the ANC might demand the complete fusion of his organization with

He replied that the negotiations would

be between parties, not language groups or homelands, but that it was folly to disregard the fact that he, as a member of the Zulu royal family, represented something real. Furthermore, fusion would never do.

"I don't believe in the politics of changes of heart - they're so fickle. In any case, I believe in democratic pluralism. It's best if people argue for their real interests. I don't want whites to think they have to throw their interests away to be our brothers - I want them to argue hard for white interests. And everybody else, too."

Of Mr de Klerk, Chief Buthelezi had nothing but good to say. "South Africa is lucky to have a man like him at this juncture. P.W. Botha (the former President) reached the crossroads and then just milled about at them.

"When I've met De Klerk what I really liked about the man was his honesty.
There are a lot of Africans who would vote for De Klerk. Maybe"—this with a laugh—"maybe more than would vote for me. At any rate, he's fulfilled all my conditions for negotiation and so I'm ready to negotiate now.

"If the ANC aren't ready, that's their problem. They chose the armed-struggle path and criticized people like me who stayed inside the country and organized. Well, now we've got our organization (Inkatha claims 1.2 million members) and I don't see why we should sit around waiting for them to get their act

De Klerk faces conservative backlash

From Gavin Bell, Cape Town

Mr Koos van der Merwe, the Chief Whip of the Conservative Party of South Africa, is a large, robust man with a neat, clipped moustache who presents himself as the urbane and acceptable face of Afrikaner nationalism.

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His restraint deserted him on Tuesday, when he was ejected from Parliament for refusing to withdraw a remark that President de Klerk was a traitor. By yesterday, his composure had returned as he addressed foreign

"First of all. I would like to inform you that I was released unconditionally last night. I unconditionally last night. I would stage protest marches am not out on perole, so I can and strikes which would cripspeak to you as an unbanned person." (Wit and irony are hallmarks of Mr Van der Merwe's style.)

The Conservative Party, he said, believed there was room for everybody in South Africa provided they stayed in their own areas. The answer to their own areas. The answer to the country's problems was a "just and equitable" division killed scores of anti-apartheid of the land into separate activists in South Africa and states, with an Afrikaner abroad over the past decade. fatherland somewhere and homelands for the rest of the population somewhere else.

He painted a picture of a country littered with the graves of Afrikaner heroes the Government is creating a who had died for their fatherland. "We only want that part of South Africa that is legally ours, which we have fought for, for which we have spilled

our blood." He had difficulty with the concept of non-racial democracy: "I do not know what non-racial means, because there are races. How can you say all of a sudden there are no

races? It is stupid." He said that Mr de Klerk and his National Party had deliberately "crooked" the white electorate by reneging on campaign pledges to reject dialogue with the African National Congress (ANC) as to Nelson Mandela's life, a long as it espoused violence. senior National Party source That which is facing us, ladies and gentlemen, is nothing but black ANC communist domination in this country.'

He said the Conservative Party would mobilize whites against the Government in a legal and non-violent manner and campaign for the support of one million voters. "Action One Million" would culminate in a mass rally in Pretoria on May 26, at which the masses would demand that the Government resign and face a general election. If necessary, the party

ple South African Airways, police, fire and hospital services, schools and buses. In response to a question, he

Johannesburg (Reuter) — South African police have arrested a third former police-

said: "My answer rings as follows: we reject violence as a method to accomplish political ends. But I must say that climate, a mood, in which violence can become a possibility."

The right-wing spokesman is dismissed by his opponents as a political buffoon. However, the Conservative Party represents a large number of people. It emerged from the general elections last year as the official opposition in the white House of Assembly, polling 673,000 votes, or almost one-third of the total.

On its extremist fringes, there are men sworn to defend the Afrikaner cause with arms. Following a report in The Times about a potential threat

admitted last night that the Government was terrified by the prospect.

Mandela might be permit-

ted to recruit armed guards from ANC ranks, he said: "Providing they do it discreetly and don't go around flaunting weapons, we could possi-bly turn a blind eye to that. The priority is to keep him alive, whoever does it.' • Jackson arrival: The organizers of the highly-or-

chestrated protests against the South African cricket tour by Mike Gatting's team are hoping that the Rev Jesse Jackson, the American civil rights campaigner, will lead their march today (Ray Kennedy writes) Mr Jackson, who arrived in South Africa yesterday, has not yet publicly responded to

the protest invitation. Yesterday the acting chief magistrate of Johannesburg banned today's planned demonstration at the Wanderers Ground, where Gatting's team and the South Africans begin a five-day "test match."

Mr Krish Naidoo secretary of the National Sports Congress, was adamant that anti-tour protests would

Mr Jackson made it clear yesterday that what he hoped to do was to see Nelson Mandela "walk down the streets of Johannesburg while I am here". However, many observers feel the American's presence in South Africa is one of the factors delaying Mandela's release from jail.

Police blocked off access to

Jan Smuts Airport near Johannesburg yesterday before Mr Jackson arrived. They said they were on the lookout for white right-wing extremists who have threatened to "take action" against Mr Jackson.

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The Rev Jesse Jackson, right, after arriving in South Africa, meets Mr Walter Sisulu of the ANC. He said he hoped to see Nelson Mandela 'walk down the streets of Johannesburg'.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Karachi clashes leave 28 dead

Karachi - An indefinite curfew was imposed and the Pakistani Army took control of several districts of Karachi after at least 28 people were killed and more than 100 wounded in clashes between supporters of the opposition Mohajir Qaumi Movement and the security forces (Zahid Hussain writes). One soldier and four policemen were killed.

For the past week, the city has been plunged into violence as supporters of the ruling Pakistan People's Party and the Mohajir movement, which represents post-independence immigrants from India and their descendants, fought gun battles in the streets. Mobs attacked troops and police and 115 people were arrested. Earlier, a strike called by the Mohajirs had virtually paralyzed Karachi. Mr Altaf Hussain, the Mohajir leader, claimed the People's Party had kidnapped and tortured 100 of his party's men.

Oil protection strategy

Washington - The Pentagon, in its latest reassessment of defence priorities in Eastern Europe, has concluded that US military strategy in the Gulf should concentrate on protecting oil supplies and discount a Soviet threat to Iran (Susan Ellicott writes). In a classified report on military planning, the Defence Department has instructed the military to abandon a plan which would have involved a mission to defend Iran because of a perceived reduction in the Moscow threat. The document, which provides regional military commanders with an idea of the Pentagon's intended policies for 1992-97, also suggested that the US military might have to give up its bases in the Philippines and set up new ones in Asia.

Japan poll ignored

Tokyo - Japan's ruling Liberal Democrats have shrugged aside an opinion poll suggesting they could find it difficult to win a majority in the general elections later this month (Joe Joseph writes). Although a survey of 130 constituencies carried out by the Mainichi newspaper predicted that the party could have a tough fight to win the 257 seats it needs for a majority in the 512-seat Lower House, its leaders are already choosing the next Prime Minister and parcelling out the post-election jobs The party has resigned itself to losing several of its 295 seats in the February 18 poll. But it is confident that, even if it fails to reach the 257-seat target, there will be enough pro-LDP MPs among the 170 independent candidates to assure it of control.

US stance attacked

A bitter attack on the United States Government's "excessively conciliatory" policy towards China since the Tiananmen Square massacre, accusing it of "outright hypocrisy", is published today by the Asia Watch Committee, an American human rights organization (Andrew McEwen writes). The report dismisses Peking's recent decision to lift martial law as little more than a public relations exercise. Hopes of human rights improvements in China soon are "entirely unsupported by the facts", with between 10,000 and 30,000 people still behind bars, it says.

Aids spreads in China

Peking (Reuter) — China says Aids is "spreading fast" among its 1.1 billion people, and that 153 Chinese had caught the disease — compared to just six cases previously reported. State radio yesterday quoted Mr Dai Zhi Cheng, a senior health ministry official, as saying: "Our abilities to control this disease are limited and we do not have the whole situation in hand." The New China News Agency said the increase came to light after an inspection among drug addicts in China's south-western border region revealed that 146 people were infected.

Italy relents on exiles

Rome - The bodies of two exiled Italian kings and a queen will be brought home and buried in Rome's Pantheon, traditional resting place of the Savoia family (Paul Bompard writes). Under the new concordat signed recently between Italy and the Vatican, the Pantheon no longer has political significance. The bodies to be moved are those of King Vittorio Emanuele III (1869-1947), now buried in Egypt; King Umberto II (1904-1983), buried in France; and Queen Elena, wife of Vittoria Emanuele, also buried in France.

ictims of Beirut crossfire testify to the hatred ever on its way, it never off his hand. Wherever one innocent victims of their war. "Look at them," she said to buy bread from a van doing arrived. A ceasefire of sorts—looked in east Beirut yes—Wounded militiamen of Mr pointing to a row of beds of probably the most dangerous a 90-minute lull in the fighting terday, there was the familiar, Geagea's Lebanese Forces wounded militiamen. "They commercial round in Leba-

From Juan Carlos Gumacio Ashrafiyeh, east Beirut

He must have been in his early fifties, heavy and bald, and probably thought he had a chance. The man whose body lies sprawled in the emptiness of the Corniche Pierre Gemayel in Christian east Beirut clearly had tried to escape but there was nowhere to go.

He was cut down by machine-gun fire as the bullet holes in his white Mercedes testify so neatly. Nearby, two other corpses - one of a driver slumped over the wheel of a large American car - rot under the hazy sun.

trapped in the crossfire. No- mortar round exploded inside trapped in the causiment was his house in Ideidi, blowing was born soon afterwards. Both are said to be in good condition. who emerged from his shelter

between the Christian factions of General Michel Aoun and Mr Samir Geagea in east Beirut - yesterday allowed the evacuation of some of the most critically wounded civil-ians from the Hôtel Dieu hospital, a four-storey block

full of wounded people, horror stories and tangible batted. In the main hall, Camille Saad, aged nine, sat on his bed speechless, an expression of utter disbelief in his dark eyes. He had just woken up to realize that his right arm was They were civilians, also gone - amputated after a

Yet the same men who were

firing the weapons were sharing the medicines, the water

frightening reminder that were chanting "Aoun no good, have provoked the war. They Lebanon's cruelty knows no Aoun will kill you", next to are to be blamed for our mosning old women who were afraid of dying for lack of adequate help.

"I am with Aoun," confided

and the food with the 200 or so Martha, a nurse aged 27. British mother braves snipers

Ashrafiyeh - A British woman had a brush with death in which she was being driven to give birth at an east Beirut hospital was hit by suiper five last night (Juan Cartos Gamacio writes). "I just prayed they would not hit me in the stomach," Mrs Sara Khouri, aged 27, from Shortlands, in Kent, told reporters at the Hotel Dien Hospital, where her son, Matthew, 20, a computer science student was horn soon afterwards. But are seid to be in good matified. Lehanon's inter-Christian civil war when the ambalance in

tragedy."

eight days' murderous battles between troops loyal to General Aoun and the militiamen is only one feature of the suicidal brutality of the country's latest conflict. So vicious is the eight-day-old war for control of the Christian enclave that virtually no build-

non. "To die or to die. "We only have to decide

how. If you go out in the street, it will be a sniper. If you The massive devastation of stay in your house it will be a shell. And your family will never know who did it." With shots whizzing overhead, M Bernard Kouchner,

the French Secretary of State for Humanitarian Affairs, led a convoy of eight Lebanese Red Cross ambulances to rescue the 12 most critically injured civilians to send them to hospitals in France - the youngest an eight-month-old boy with a 1½ ins shrapnel wound in the head.

Trial by television brings US child abuse case back to court

From Ivor Davis Los Angeles

An unprecedented campaign by parents who claim their children were molested at a California nursery school has breathed new life into what are already the longest and most costly legal proceedings in American history.

Three weeks after a trial lasting 21/2 years, in which Mr Raymond Buckey and his mother, Mrs Peggy McMartin Buckey, were acquitted of molesting pupils at their Manhattan Beach nursery school, Mr Ira Reiner, the Los Angeles District Attorney, has said he plans to retry Mr Buckey on the 13 charges of molestation and conspiracy on which the original jury could not

reach a verdict. The move comes after the decision of the youngsters' parents to go over the heads of the legal authorities and the jury and take their case directly to the public. As soon as the verdicts had been

handed down in mid-January, the parents held press conferences, organized letter-writing campaigns to politicians, and bombarded the radio and television airwaves, becoming a staple on all the coastto-coast chat shows, where their hosts made little pretence at objectivity, roundly denouncing the verdict as a travesty of justice.

Howard Rosenberg, the Pulitzer Prize-winning television critic of The Los Angeles Times, called it "retrial by TV talk show".

In an atmosphere of vigilantism, he accused the media and the children's parents of ignoring due process of law and the jury system, bypassing the principle of "one's day in court" and manipulating the media in a perversion of justice. Indeed, the spectacle of Judge William Pounders doing the talkshow rounds was hard to swallow,

as was the sight of a young student from the school looking straight • I thought that once

you were found not guilty, the charges were dropped 9 into the camera on one such epic

and saying: "We were molested, and that's an honest to God fact." Oprah Winfrey, America's most popular talk-show host, told a studio audience packed with McMartin parents and supporters that she would not have made a good juror. "I would have said: The children said it, so all right . . . you're right'."

Another show flashed the ad-dress of the Los Angeles District Attorney and the judge on screen so that viewers could write to them to urge a retrial on the 13 counts.

Whatever the implications of such tactics, they worked. Mr Reiner, a canny politician who is seeking the office of Attorney-General of California and who has been heavily criticized for his handling of the case, announced that he was going ahead with a second prosecution for four main

These were: the seriousness of the alleged offences; the commitment of the families involved; his own feeling that there had to be a complete resolution of the case for the sake of both sides; and the judge's assessment that, given the evidence, the verdict could have gone either way.

Response to Mr Reiner's announcement was swift. Mr Danny Davis, Mr Buckey's defence attorney, filed a motion to disqualify Judge Pounders because of bias.

Mr Davis claims Judge Pounders cut short desence arguments and made public statements which showed he believed in Mr Buckey's guilt. Judge Pounders is challenging the motion.

Miss Lael Rubin, a Deputy District Attorney, who was on the original prosecution team, said the decision to proceed once more against Mr Buckey had been taken only after much soul-searching. long discussions with the families

of the children, and three lengthy meetings with Mr Reiner.

She added that three of the five children involved with the remaining 13 counts were expected to testify, including one girl who had refused to do so in the original trial. Jurors who had given up more than two years to decide the fate of Mr Buckey and his mother were shocked by the announcement. They expressed doubts that an unbiased jury could be found for

the new proceedings anywhere in

Los Angeles County, given the

publicity. "Everyone is hysterical and no one is dealing with this rationally," Miss Brenda Williams, one of the jurors, said. "I thought once you were found not guilty of charges, that the charges were dropped. But no one seems willing to drop this."



Mr Buckey: Faces new trial

Mr Medvedev, made a full member of the Politburo and appointed chairman of the

Central Committee ideologi-

cal commission in September

1988, is considered the most

of the Politburo. A former Leningrad academic who later joined the party apparatus, he

has written several books on

adviser to President Gorba-

reforms, though his reluctance

to see the work of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn published in the

Soviet Union singled him out

in some eyes as conservative.

mittee's support for Mr

Gorbachov, after he himself had warned the plenum on Tuesday that the very survival

of the party was at stake. He said: "Either we prove

able to lead a rapid but

controlled process of trans-

formation, or it will become

an uncontrolled deluge and fall under the influence of

populist demagogues or even fanatical leaders of pogroms."

before he left, Mr Medvedev

had taken issue with the

contention by some speakers that many of the Soviet Union's political and eco-nomic problems were the fault

"In my view, the difficulties we are encountering have been inherited from the past.

Perestroika has just uncovered

Mr Medvedev said the

"dominating opinion" at the

plenum was for direct elec-

tions of delegates to the next

party congress in some form.

But the exact methods had to

be decided when the party's

statutes were recast over the

Leonid Dobrokhotov, said he

thought it unlikely that big

personnel changes would em-erge from the plenum: "In the course of elections for the

Mr Medvedev's aide, Mr

of perestroika.

them," he said.

next few weeks.

In an interview in Moscow

Yesterday, he appeared ressured by the Central Com-

He is thought to be a close

economic theory.

UK hails Moscow plenum outcome as 'historic step'

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor, and Daniel Trei

Committee plenum in Mos- promote perestroika and deepcow as a great decision.

A government statement Mr Medvedev appeared ea-described it as "an historic ger to present an image of the step" and said Britain re-spected President Gorba-soul-searching and tonguechov's clarity of vision.

account of the plenum when one of those present, Mr munist Party's ideology chief, arrived to see her at Downing Street within hours of its

Soviet Union had changed further than we could ever have thought five years ago". There was still a great deal to be done, but the ending of the Communist Party's monopoly

Mrs Thatcher had said Mr Medvedev had come "hotfoot" from the session. "We were waiting this morning for the result of the plenum and were very pleased indeed that

Mr Medvedev, flying to Britain as the head of a delegation of Soviet deputies, was given red-carpet treatment at Downing Street. He said the situation was now clearer for the party congress, to be held in the autumn. "We are into the home stretch for the congress, and the congress itself will make a radical

He described the decision to adopt multi-party democracy as a real genuine political process in play. "The Com-munist Party will use demo-cratic and political methods to campaign for the mandate of the people ... to be the ruling party and govern the country

Mr Medvedev had said on his arrival at Heathrow airport that the Central Committee vote to back Mr Gorbachov's proposals for change was Soviet officials and members "opening up a new page in of the Supreme Soviet, will perestroika" and had demonstrated the Communists' vig
Deputy Prime Minister, and

M. Daniels Harri the Foreign

orous commitment to reform.

He declared that "the result of the vote — the fact that it has been almost unanimous—

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign coming party congress and at the congress itself for the new leadership bodies, the old branches are likely to fall away naturally."

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesthat the party and its leading leader, and all will participate
terday hailed the outcome of
body, the Central Committee, in discussions with British
the historic Soviet Central are full of vigour and want to

Mr Medvedev appeared easoul-searching and tongueashing of the plenum. He said Mrs Thatcher last night the vote had been preceded by became the first Western leader to receive a first-hand which more than 60 speakers took part, and the draft document followed much work by at the start of the plenum.

He said: "Probably it's a little premature to say any-thing concrete at this point, but I'm quite sure that, having analysed the document adopted by the plenary session, you

Peking warning Peking (Reuter) - China's rship, increasingly iso-by changes sweeping the unist world, delivered its

sternest warning to opposents ilay, saying a weak Comturmoil and war. The 47million-strong party, the world's largest, raised the age-old Chinese fear of chaos, in a reply to the radical changes in Moscow, pushed through by President Gorbachov. It which would lead to the suffer-

ally opens up a new pege in Mr Medvedev was welcom-

ed at the airport by Mr Michael Marshall MP, the chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which invited the Soviet delegation, along with Sir Rodric Braithwaite, the British Ambassador, to Moscow, and Mr Leonid Zamyatin, the Soviet Ambassador to

Baker flies in for Kremlin talks on arms



Looking optimistic: Mr Baker, right, being greeted yesterday by Mr Aleksandr Bezsmertnykh, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, at Moscow airport.

uperpowers hope for progress on pacts

Baker, the US Secretary of State, arrived here yesterday for key talks on disarmament only hours after the Soviet Communist Party decided to drop its monopoly of power, fulfilling an American dream.

During a three-day stay, Mr Baker will try to clear logiams in the way of a US-Soviet strategic arms reduction deal and a Nato-Warsaw Pact treaty on conventional forces, which both Washington and the Kremlin want completed this year. President Bush wants the basic provisions laid out for a strategic arms accord, aimed at halving the long-range nuclear arsenals of the Soviet. superpowers, in time for his second summit with President

But US and Soviet officials

Gorbachov in May or June.

political and military picture throughout the continent. Mr Baker arrived just as the

Soviet Central Committee approved the programme drafted by Mr Gorbachov that would do away with the party's constitutional grip on power and pave the way to a multi-party system.

The Secretary of State headed straight into informal talks with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister. He is also due to see President Gorbachov and address the foreign affairs commission of the Supreme One of the thorniest issues

will be the future of East and West Germany, which appear to be heading inexorably tosaid an equally important wards reunification. Mr Gorbtheme would be the collapse of achov said last week that

happen, but should be care- levels in Europe would leave has dramatically altered the fully prepared. Other Soviet the Americans with 30,000 officials have said the new soldiers more than Moscow. Germany should be neutral, but the US has rejected this.

In Moscow, a prominent warned the US against taking advantage of the Kremlin's troubles at home and in Eastern Europe during Mr Baker's visit.

"The temptation is great," Mr Aleksandr Bovin wrote in Izvestia. "But the slightest insincerity or attempt to outwit the other partner could tear asunder the delicate thread of trust which has already, with mutual advanage, been stretched between the Soviet Union and the United States, Mr Bovin also suggested the

Soviet Union might want to and what access to give the drop its objections that President Bush's new proposal for flight tests. The two sides have cutting US and Soviet troop already agreed on a limit of

"If the Americans think that this addition guarantees them and their allies full security, Soviet political commentator maybe it's not worth arguing with them," he said.

In his State of the Union address on January 31, Mr Bush proposed each side reduce troop levels in central Europe to 195,000, a cut of about 65,000 for the US and about 370,000 for Moscow.

On strategic arms, the main obstacles in the treaty being worked out by negotiators in Geneva concern how to limit -launched cruise missiles, and how to count air-launched missiles. Other problems involve how to tackle nondeployed "spare" missiles, other side to results of missile

long-range bombers apiece. PRAGUE: Mr Baker unveiled the new US strategy to aid Eastern Europe's emerging democracies in a speech yes terday at Charles University here (Peter Green writes):

He suggested to students whose peaceful protests had sparked the Czechoslovak "velvet revolution", that the East bloc should help itself. first, but offered US support for free elections and economic co-operation and insisted the American military still had a place in Europe.

Mr Baker outlined a fourpoint approach to helping Eastern Europe: assuring free

The key to party's hold on power

rticle 6 is part of the Seviet constitution dopted on October 7, 1977, by a special ession of the Supreme Soviet under the dership of Leonid Brezhnev.

It has been interpreted as ruling out the creation of competing political parties in the

The Article says: "The leading and guiding force of Soviet society and the nucleus of its political system, of all state organizations and public organizations, is the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. The CPSU exists for

"The Communist Party, armed with Marx-"The Communist Party, armed with interviews of the development of society and the course of the home and foreign policy of the USSR, directs the great constructive work of the Soviet people, and imparts a planned, systematic and theoretically substantiated character in their strength for the victory of

"All party organizations shall function within the framework of the Constitution of the

character to their struggle for the victory of

Full truth of Stalin's famine to be disclosed

Moscow (Rester) - Soviet authorities Robert Conquest, the British his- time that a full public exposé has been details of a disaster they have tried to which Western historians believe five million people died. A resolution of the Ukrainian Communist Party, reported yesterday by Tass, declared the famine a "national tragedy" and blamed it on Stalin and his "criminal" policies of forcible collectivization.

It ordered the party's official historical institute to publish articles this year on the famine together with archive material which it had discovered. The archives, the resolution said, "give a tragic picture of mass fatalities from hunger and disease, especially from March 1933 onwards." It gave no precise figures, but

have ordered publication of full torian, in his book, The Harvest of ordered. It conceded that "for more Sorrow, puts the death toll from the than half a century this theme was hush up for more 50 years — the famine at five million and the total husbed up in national historiography, Ukrainian famine of 1932-1933 in toll from Stalin's agricultural policies which hindered scientific understandin the 1930s at 14.5 million.

Eyewitness accounts published recently in the Soviet Union speak of cannibalism in some rural areas.

The disaster had not been officially mentioned in the Soviet Union until the past three years, when President Gorbachov's policy of glasnost began to take hold. In 1987, Mr Vladimir Shcherbitsky, then leader of the Ukrainian Communist Party, admitted there had been famine in some areas and criticized the agricultural policies of the time.

The Ukrainian party resolution, however, is believed to be the first

ing and an objective moral and political assessment of a national tragedy". The party concurred with Western historians in blaming the famine on enforced collectivization, which meant abolition of private land-owning, and "dekulakization" in effect the dispossession and deport-ing of millions of kulaks (peasant

When grain output fell as a result. the resolution acknowledged, the Stalinist leadership raised the quotas of grain which farms were obliged to deliver to the state.

When this failed, thousands of

Moscow. Some 35,000 of the

republic's 200,000 party mem-

bers have defected to form a

loyalist-rump party, and thou-sands more have simply

But his personal standing is

so strong that the Communist

direct elections of the repub-

Sajudis leaders say that,

selection by the Parliament.

while they may control a majority in the Parliament,

Mr Brazauskas would prob-

ably be unbeatable in a direct

election. If he, in fact, wins the

presidency, aides say he will

party leader to concentrate on

Mr Brazauskas recom-mends that Mr Gorbachov

should do the same at federal

level as a way of insulating

himself from partisan political

For all the evidence of

surging prestige, the new

Communist Party is viewed

with suspicion by many Lithuanians, who say its pol-

itical machine is still run by

those who used to bow to

complain that the Com-

munists have been slow to

forfeit such vital election

advantages as their domi-

But Mr Ozolas sees the

remodelled Communist Party

as a handy vehicle until

Lithuania is free. "This is a

party designed for relations with Moscow." he said.

Communism is a hieroglyph

that Moscow can read; it still

can't read any other political

(New York Times)

nance of local television.

Leaders of rival parties also

Moscow.

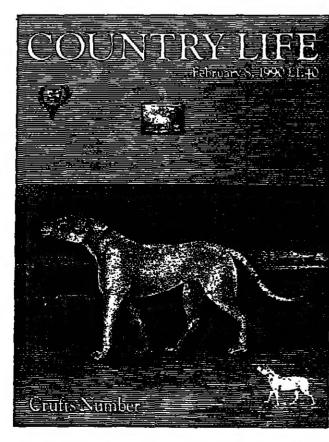
in kulak sabotage" and farmers had seeds, animal fodder and food supplies taken away "which proved fatal The party declared that the famine

was "the consequence of the criminal course of Stalin and his immediate entourage ... towards the peasantry". In addition to Stalin it named

Vyacheslav Molotov, his Prime Minister, and Mr Lazar Kazanovich, the Politburo member in charge of collectivization, as well as Stanislav Kosior and Vlas Chubar, the Ukrainian Communist leaders.

Kosior and Chubar were both shot in 1939 in one of Stalin's purges, but Molotov died only four years ago and Mr Kaganovich is believed still alive;

Crufts Number



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A model for Gorbachov

Lithuania shows way forward

Under the direction of Mr early January, shortly after the legalized Lithuanian Demo-

Algirdas Brazauskas, its First Party of the Baltic republic of Lithuania has declared its independence from the party in Moscow, accepted the competition of rival political parties, purged much of its old guard, and adopted a platform that pays scant homage to Marx and Lenin. For party leaders in Mos-

cow now contemplating the prospect of political pluralism, the Lithuanian experience suggests that the Communist Party can recover a measure of its dwindling authority, but only by transforming itself beyond recognition and confronting the real possibility of life as a minority.

Mr Brazauskas, aged 57, contends that this humbling transformation is worth it, considering the alternatives offered by Romania and Soviet Azerbaijan, where rigid resistance led to bloody confrontation.

"The party can't live for where the party was something untouchable, beyond criticism, always right, which never made a mistake," he

"Either the party has radically to change itself to get closer to the people, or it must liquidate itself."

The outcome of Mr Brazzuskas's approach is that he is perhaps the only senior Communist Party official in Eastern Europe who consistently wins popularity polls, outscoring every prominent indepenuania. And some of the lustre is rubbing off on his party.

Lithuanian party formally broke with the Moscow party and approved a programme embracing Lithuanian in-dependence, political pluralism and the free market. The survey, by the Lithua-

nian Academy of Sciences, found that the party had a 73 per cent positive rating, ahead of the independent Sajudis movement. In a similar poll in November, the Communists had only 16 per cent of popular support.

Despite this sudden imhowever, party officials concede that there is a good chance that, after the elections for a Lithuanian Parliament on February 24, the party will become a junior partner in a coalition government dominated by the recently legalized opposition parties and independent candidates.

Although he is campaigning fiercely to prevent it, Mr Brazauskas says he is prepared to live with defeat. He believes there will in any event be fewer Communists in the new Parliament, "but they will be better Communists".

When Mr Brazauskas took over as leader of the Lithuanian party in 1988, he was in a position not unlike that in which President Gorbachov today finds himself. He was perceived as a cautious reformer whose party was rapidly losing influence to political "insurgents" united under the Sajudis banner.

In December the Lithuanian party openly defied an dent political figure in Lith- angry Kremlin and proclaimed itself autonomous, adopting a programme that is The most startling evidence almost indistinguishable from came in an opinion poll in the platform of the recently auskas is shunned by Com-

Unlike the Soviet Communist Party, the Lithuanian party welcomes religious believers as members. It also endorses free markets, including private ownership of industry and farmland, and centralism".

It advocates complete political independence for Lithuania, although Mr Brazauskas calls for a careful transition period and for

Prague (Reuter) - A powerful explosion ripped through a Soviet military area in southeastern Czechoslovakia on Tuesday, sending a mush-room-shaped orange cloud into the sky, Czechoslovak radio reported. The Defence Ministry said Soviet troops had wa up an ammunition dump violation of "all regulations". An analysis of the ash showed that it did not contain harmful chemicals, the radio report said.

maintaining loose ties with Moscow, roughly analogous to the ties binding the members of the European Community.

To the astonishment of many Lithuanians, four Sajudis leaders were recently inducted into the party's 19member leadership, where they form an uninhibited lobby for secession from the Soviet Union. "Brazauskas sincerely agonizes over this issue," Mr Romualdas Ozolas, one of the Sajudis Communists, said.

Not surprisingly, Mr Braz-

Sakharov's brain under microscope From Mary Dejevsky Moscow munist hardliners here and in

The brain of the late Dr

Andrei Sakharov, Nobel prize-winner and human rights campaigner, has been sent to the Soviet Academy's Neurological Institute to assist in a study of how outstanding individuals think and behave, the Soviet newspaper Trud

lic's president, rather than Dr Sakharov's brain joins those of Lenin, Stalin and other public figures in a Soviet research project which was started after Lenin's death from a brain tumour in 1924, Sakharov, the father of the Soviet hydrogen bomb, was eulogized as the conscience of almost certainly step down as the country when he died in December, aged 68.

According to the institute's director, Professor Oleg Adrianov, researchers have formulated a theory relating brain characteristics to an individual's physical and psychological make-up. He said that the institute had not received any politicians' brains since Stalin's time, but he expressed the hope that the results of the project, which were at present secret, would

eventually be made public. . . The institute's more general research was to prove that brains vary so much within ethnic groups that "there is no question of any special faculties of the brain of members of different races", Professor Adrianov said.

The Nazis, who sent Jews, Gypsies and members of other races they alleged were in-ferior to death camps during the Second World War, maintained that the human brain exhibited racial differences They used the thesis to support their theory of a master.

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CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

East German **SPD** poised for victory in elections

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

The Social Democrats in East yesterday. He said that the Germany are heading for an alliance intended to form a overall majority in the country's first free elections nex Democrats after the election. month, according to an opin-ion poll published here aiming convincingly for an

wide would vote for the party if elections were held now. A surprising 12 per cent said that they would vote for the re-formed communist party.

With the Social Democrats

clearly ahead in the election campaign, three left-wing organizations, New Forum, Democracy Now and the Initiative for Peace and Human Rights, yesterday formed an electoral alliance following the decision by the country's centre-right parties to build the Alliance for Germany this

The new left-wing grouping, whose three members have resisted transforming from broadly based pressure groups into political parties, represent a gradual reunification programme. They reject Herr Hans Modrow, the Prime as this is combined with the Minister's, vision of a neutral

"Our aim will be a demilitarized Germany and the transformation of Nato and the Warsaw Pact into political blocks," said Herr Konrad Weiss of Democracy Now

coalition with the Social

The poll, conducted by the Leipzig Institute of Youth Affairs, found that 54 per cent of those interviewed nationoverall majority, are showing alliance. "There is no point in talking about a coalition as we intend to hold power alone," said Herr Stefan Reiche, a

> Inspired and funded by its sister party in West Germany, it is the only opposition party strong enough to run alone as the political stage in East Germany becomes dominated

> Like its West German counterpart, the party is hedging its bets on the subject of a future neutral Germany.

Herr Ibrahim Böhme, the party leader, denies that his party would pursue neutrality after the election, preferring to press home the importance of German unity proceeding at the same pace as the dissolution of the military pacts.

withdrawal of foreign troops from German soil.

All parties now support currency union with the Deutschmark to save the shattered economy, and unifica-tion with subtle differences in the time scale envisaged.

Bucharest sheds 'classical peasant' image



Despite these drawbacks,

standards. The loudest ap-

plause is reserved for bold

mini-skirts cut four or five

daring backless creations of

ervative Mrs Ceausescu.

Miss Banescu, whose flair

has begun attracting the atten-tion of Western fashion buy-

we presented our fashions at

home; we could only sneak

them in during the few shows we were permitted to stage in

banned Western pop music, said: "We have had to put this collection together very quickly so there is still a Soviet

influence to the designs: that

She appeared to be over-

the audience, who packed the

aisles and were even seated on

the edge of the stage.
"Before the revolution we

could not even use any colours

we like. We will be working

hard to catch up with all the

ediness More concessions

will disappear by the time our

Romanians have been flock- nia's fashion models had to ing in their thousands to the cope was Elena Ceausescu's first public fashion show fanatical jealousy. Miss Sabpermitted in 24 years — a colourful and noisy spectacle treated as a celebration of the ina Draganescu, another of the models in the show, said: "If she found any of the models end of the domination of too attractive, there would be social life by Elena Ceausescu, the hated wife of the former a message sent to the show's organizer saying that 'so and so's face' did not suit the clothes, and she was automati-

The proceedings, in Bu-charest's National Theatre, cally sacked." opened dramatically with a stylish young model holding the hour-long show is pre-sented with a panache that often reaches international flickering candles in memory of the dead of December, while amplified recordings of the gun battles filled the darkened auditorium. All admission fees are being given to inches above the knee, and the type outlawed by the

Miss Florica Banescu, the country's top designer, said: Under the orders of Elena Ceausescu, the only fashion shows were for visiting dip-lomatic delegations and they were always run to her strict rules. Everything had to be tailored to her bad and unadventurous taste: I would call

The problems faced by Romania's handful of designers, who had to cope with ban on the import of all Western fashion magazines (scores of which have subsequently been discovered in the Ceausescus' various villas), were matched by those of

Miss Ligia Jorca, who at 37 has returned to the catwalk after retiring to a job as a bank teller, said: "The rules were so ridiculous as to make the job almost impossible. For a start, we were not allowed to wear any make-up. Our hair had to be tied into a bun like Elena's and we were not even allowed perfectly still."

As with the female announcers on Romanian teleFrench get back the mini-skirt couturier

Paris (Renter) - A group of French investors have bought back, from its Japanese ownshare of the Courreges fashion house, which introduced the mini-skirt in the 1960s.

The French group has an option of increasing its stake to 74 per cent. The Japanese clothing giant, Itokin, took control of Courreges in 1983 when it was facing severe financial problems.

Bridge work

Hong Kong (Reuter) - Hong Kong is to build one of the world's longest suspension bridges — with a central span of 4,635 ft - as part of a £9.5 billion project to develop an international airport on an outlying island, the colony's

ers, said: "Everyone had to be Cyclone chaos covered up as much as possible. We could never in-Auckland (Reuter) - Three troduce new styles from abroad on the rare occasions

people died and 10,000 people were made homeless on the South Pacific island of Western Samoa after Cyclone Ofa left shortages of food, water and medical supplies.

foreign countries."

Miss Banescu, against a background of previously Choked tunnel

Chamonix (Reuter) - French police reported that 2,000 lorries were stranded by a pay strike of Italian customs officers which closed the Mont Blanc tunnel.

Slavers caught whelmed by the reaction of

Peking (Renter) - Sixty-five people have been sentenced to death in Anhui province for selling women and children into slavery, the People's Daily reported.

together that might depict the national flag of a foreign country," she said. Ethiopia battle Addis Ababa (Reuter) - The Now we are free to do what

Ethiopian Government said it recaptured the strategic point of Kimer Dingay in the north-

London summit

Thatcher aims to put a brake on moves to unity

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

down the rapid moves towards Germany unity when she meets Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, in London next month.

between key ministers at terday by taking a more Number 10 Downing Street is positive stance towards expected to be held soon after the East German elections on

The timing is crucial as the establishment of East Germany's first democratically elected Government is likely to prompt fresh demands within the two Germanies for reunification.

It emerged yesterday that Mrs Thatcher hopes to use the summit as a means of urging a more cautious, controlled transition towards unity.

Although government sources insist it will be the traditional, wide-ranging annual summit between the two

Mrs Thatcher will seek to slow German unity. The summit economy without attempting plans were disclosed as Mr to set up a "halfway house" in Douglas Hurd the Foreign Secretary, appeared to dis-tance himself from the Prime Minister and Mr Tom King, The Anglo-German summit the Defence Secretary, yes-

> On his return from his visit to West Germany, he ex-pressed confidence in the ability of Herr Kohl to handle the issue sensitively.

He said the way in which the West German chancellor had "shown understanding of the kind of anxieties which are natural arising out of history"

Giving evidence to the Commons committee on foreign affairs, he evinced none of the unease expressed by Mrs Thatcher and Mr King at the speed of moves towards

order to effect a more gradual transition. He warned that the perilous state of East Germany's economy had not yet been fully grasped.

Members of the Conservative-dominated committee criticized the Government for responding too slowly to moves towards German reun-

Two former Ministers, Mr David Howell, the committee chairman, and Mr Ted Rowlands, said that the Government appeared to be "underestimating" the speed and pressure for unity. Mr Rowlands said: "We should not continue to nitpick, but look at the enormous consequences

Germany's early membership

of reunification."

summit between the two Western powers, they admit that it will inevitably be dominated by the issue of the European Community as priority should be given to the long-standing applications of Austria and Turkey. **Bonn outpaces French in** battle for new business

East. French exports to centrally planned economies have

month - around three per

Officially, France sees upheaval in Eastern Europe as a growing momentum for Gergreat commercial opportu-nity. Unofficially, age-old fears of German economic domination have resurfaced, and the French fear that, in the end, they may be big losers. Not only are French com-

panies dragging their feet in the great rush East, but the prospect of a West German economic boom points to a widening growth gap with France and an even greater role for the Deutschmark within the EC's European Monetary System.

The events in the East will reinforce the polarization of the EMS around the mark," M Christian de Boissieu, a professor at the University of Paris, told a conference here this week on the economic impact of the political up-

heaval in the East Bloc.
To dilute growing German
influence, France should push for quicker implementation of for quicker implementation of the Delors report on European economic and monetary union, he suggested. "It's the only way for France to live with this asymmetry." M Jean-Paul Fitoussi of the

Observatoire Francais des Conjonctures Économiques, an independent research group, has tried to quantify how much West Germany stands to gain. East Bloc changes were likely to boost West Germany's GNP by 3.5 percentage points by 1993, while the rest of the EC would grow by only an extra 1.5, he

he is not worried by the French economy will be limited because of capacity conman monetary union, which he describes as inevitable. But he said earlier this week that straints," he said. Nor are French companies

rushing into joint ventures or he expected to be consulted by Bonn on its offer to hold Easten Europe. Among the immediate talks on monetary best publicized deals, the union. "I am waiting for explanations from the West German Government," he state-owned computer group, Compagnie des Machines Bull, is investing 600 million francs (£60 million) in Hun-For reasons of history, geography and industrial strength, gary, the construction giant, Bouygues, is building a hospital near Moscow, and the France is not as well placed as West Germany for the race hotel group, Accor, is ventur-

ing into the Soviet Union, Poland and Hungary. But French plans pale be-side those of West German Nuclear fears Bonn - Herr Klaus Töpfer, firms, which have announced the West German Environ-ment Minister, yesterday promised a quick decision on whether East Germany's larplans to pour billions of marks into East Germany and other

Fast European economies.

French food industry executives are not licking their lips gest nuclear power station, built to an obsolete Soviet either, even though East Eurodesign, should be shut down on pean consumers have been safety grounds (lan Murray starved of the sort of fine food writes). Experts are calling the for which France is famous. plant at Lubmin, 100 miles north of Berlin, the "Cher-nobyl of the north". East Berlin is letting Boun decide, ahead of reunification. M Lionel Zinzou-Derlin

director of strategy and development at the food con-glomerate, BSN, said his company was exploring opportunities in Eastern Europe. especially East Germany. But he saw a host of barriers to been running at about three billion francs (£300 million) a overcome - lack of skilled labour, poor distribution networks, an irrational price syscent of total exports.

M Raymond Courbis, the hyper-inflation may spark sodirector of Gama, an ecocial unrest.

nomic research firm, said In many ways, he told the France was unable to capital-conference, the economies of ize fully on bigger market Eastern Europe were like those tota the connectance.

M Pierre Bérégovoy, the M Pierre Bérégovoy, the Prench Finance Minister, says already. "The impact on the Reuter) of developing countries and faced a long haul to prosperity. opportunities because its in- of developing countries and



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MPs urge caution in response to S Africa moves

MPs on all sides, although welcoming the speech of President de Klerk last week, spoke against relaxing pressure on South Africa before there were further concessions on apartheid.

A Conservative backbencher was cheered by Labour MPs when he suggested that Mrs Thatcher might be unwise to visit South Africa before such

Mr Douglas Hurd, Foreign Secretary, defended Britain's stance on sanctions, saying that tougher measures would have brought impoverishment to the black population there. He urged the African National Congress and other organizations to join in negotiations with the South African Government on the future of the country.

Mr David Nellist (Coventry South East, Lab), who opened the exchanges, said that the only negotiations the blacks would see as being worth while would be those which involved a transfer of power, a free elected assembly, the ending of segrega-tion and the state of emergency and the right of black workers to bear arms in their own defence.

Mr Hard said that he thought that Mr Nellist would have welcomed the announcement of President de Klerk. "We believe that these changes do vindicate our policy of contact rather than isolation." The South African isolation." The South African Government had taken im-portant steps and he hoped that all MPs would expect the ANC

portant steps and he hoped that all MPs would expect the ANC to respond positively.

Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C) asked him to do all he could to impress on the ANC leaders that they should join with other representatives in constructive negotiations.

Mr Hard: When Mr Mandela is released we hope that the ANC and others will join in

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make that clear to South Africa.

Mr Hard said he hoped Mr

sanctions against South Africa, the South African Government

would not have taken the mea-sures it did. The result would have been an impoverished black majority and the vitual impossibility of the South Af-

rican Government's taking the

Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C) said that since the Prime Minister had sensibly lifted the cultural and scientific

some of the black townships to see the unbelievable, grinding poverty imposed on blacks there by the white supremacists. negotiations in conditions of peace and the remaining emergency retrictions will be lifted. Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said that he cer-tainly welcomed the announce-ment of the South African President, but much needed to be done and Mr Hurd should

by the white supremacists.

Would he explain to them why he and the Prime Minister were arguing that the West must not lower its guard against communist regimes which were toppling day by day in Eastern Europe, but wanted to get rid of such puny sanctions as we have on South Africa when the whole structure of apartheid remained intact (Conservative profests). If the people of Eastern Europe had a right to democracy, no less had the black, white and coloured people in South Africa. The United States intact (Conservative protests). policy of sanctions and dis-investment played an important role in forcing the South African authorities to recognize the realities of life.

Could it be that this Government's hostility to communism
— which was becoming defunct
— was greater than its hostility
to apartheid — which still
flourished?

flourished?

Mr Hard said that of course there was black poverty, although less than in other African states. But that poverty would have been made far worse and the position of the blacks slowly rising to positions of responsibility would have been made impossible if the Government had yielded to Labour's policy on sanctions.

It was not true that all aspects Mr Hisru said he noped me Winnick would agree that Presi-dent de Klerk had shown "cour-age and wisdom", going further than anyone would have ex-If Britain had yielded to the measures being pressed on it and supported comprehensive

It was not true that all aspects of apartheid were intact. Holidaymakers in Durban would disagree. He should acknowl-edge that the actions taken by President de Klerk deserved

During later questions, Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen North, Lab), chairman of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, wanted Mr Hurd to the many paying tribute to the many South Africans of all races who had struggled and suffered through decades to bring about the changes announced by President African Struggles and Struggles announced by President African Struggles dent de Klerk.



tions and external pressure could be dismantled only when apartheid itself had been

Mr Hard joined in the tribute Mr Hurs joined in the induce to all those whose work had made possible the progress. They were from all different parts of South African society. On sanctions, the February 2 statement and the prospects opening up for South Africa were a justification for the policy of combining encouragement and persuasive pressure which the Government had always stood for.

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Mr Tim Rathbone (Lewes, C) said that developments in South Africa seemed to have been hastened by the British Govern-The potential and promise of hope which the President's ment's stand and continued commitment to fundamental statement brought forth might well remain unfulfilled if the portant changes were still

needed, particularly on the most sinister aspects of apartheid, before Britain could case its pressure on the South African Government. "It might be unwise for the leader of this country to go to that country before those relax-

ations have taken place" (Labour cheers).

our cheers).

Mr Hard said that Mr Rathbone would have noticed how the Prime Minister had responded to President de Klerk's announcement. "That response has been carefully measured." The first step was a reasonable and justified first step, to ask President de Klerk to visit Mrs Thatcher at Chequers and to say that Mr Mandela would also be welcome when he was free. when he was free.

Ms Diane Abbott (Hackney North and Stoke Newington, Lab) said that, welcome as President de Klerk's speech was,

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it contained no reference to the Group Areas Act, by which white people owned 87 per cent of all land in South Africa, or to

It would be premature to abandon sanctions on the basis

Mr Hard said that he hoped that when Mr Mandela was free, the ANC and others would agree to join in negotiations in conditions of peace and that the rest was logical to discuss with Britain's EC partners the lifting of the voluntary ban on new investment in South Africa.

Sir David Steel, Liberal Democrat spokesman on for-eign affairs, said that Mr Hurd had been right to welcome the change of heart foreshadowed in President de Klerk's speech, but before Britain got into dis-cussions on future democracy in

South Africa, important matters and the legislative framework of apartheid, including the Popula-tion Registration Act, were still

It was inconceivable that the rest of the Community would agree to lift sanctions until those

lying importance of what President de Klerk had announced was that he had done enough for most reasonable people to open the way to negotiation.

"There is more to come and we are a long way from seeing the end of apartheid, which is our aim and Sir David's." But the next step was to have a reasoned response, the start of dialogue with the ANC and other organizations. "That goes along with the release of Mr Mandela and the lifting of the remaining emergency re-

Murder of Israel tourists deplored

The attack on the Israeli tourist bus in Egypt on Sun-day, in which 12 people were killed, was condemned by the Government and Opposition during questions on the Middle East. Mr William Waldegrave, Min-ister of State, Foreign Of-fice, said that because a number of extremist groups had claimed respon-sibility it suggested that the central leadership of the PLO was still committed to the peace process.

Mr Peter Temple-Morris (Leominster, C) said that what was going on in the West Bank and Gaza was a disgrace. The Government should ask Washington to tell Israel to stop and deal. Mr Waldegrave: We are in close touch with the United

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States and strongly sup-port their efforts to get direct talks going.

Birmingham rail project

Mr Cecil Parkiason, Secretary of State for Transport, has given approval to the whole of the British Rail proposal for electrification of the Birmingham cross-city line, at a cost of £18 million and to be completed by 1992, he said in a written

jointly funded by British Rail and the West Midlands Passenger Transport Exec-utive. The new electric rolling stock would also be used on Coventry-Wolver-hampton services in off-peak

Concern for refuseniks

The Soviet Union is still some way from meeting its international obligations in full, despite much progress mance under President Gorbachov, Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State, Foreign Office, said in a Commons written reply.

In particular, he said, refusenik cases on which the Foreign Office continued to press the Soviet authorities.

Electricity from France

Electricité de France, the enable it to buy and sell electricity to and from Britain on a day-to-day basis, Mr Tony Baldry, Under Secretary of State for Energy, said in Commons written reply. Negotiations were also taking place on longer-term

Exodus from

About 42,000 people emigrated from Hong Kong last year, of whom about 20,000 were part of the working population, Mr Fran-cis Mande, Minister of State, Foreign Office, said in a Commons written reply. He said that about half of the 20,000 were professional, technical, administrative

and management people. Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Prime Minister.
Debate on an Opposition motion on the Scottish economy. Private Bills. Lords (3): Human Fertil-ization and Embryology Bill, committee, second day.

Romania is to get million syringes

The Government is to send a million disposable syringes to Foundation. What was the Government doing to create similar institutions in Britain?

Mr Waldegrave said that there had been suggestions from and Commonwealth Office, said government should look at the structures.

Poland and Hungary were to be extended to other countries in

Mr Anthony Coombs (Wyre Forest, C) said that in terms of individual development to-wards democracy and free enter-prise there was a great deal to be done in Eastern Europe.

He rounted to the influence of one in Eastern Europe. External Service was to train 40

He pointed to the influence of Polish broadcasters to run a free

further requests for help with the epidemic of HIV-infected babies, Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said at questions.

Earlier, Mr Waldegrave said that the Government should look at proposals of that kind.

This was new and quite difficult territory because it proposals and Hungary were to be

meant channelling support to political organizations and was quite different from usual aid methods, but the Government was looking at it.

Bishop attacks 'ruthless profits hunt'

market economy.

The threat to the existence of the African elephant had been brought about by the pursuit of profits, he said. It was depended to see the Coverment give way on the destruction of ivory stocks instead of taking a lead in the matter. However, credit must be given where it was due. The free-market economy had helped to reduce memployment, created affluence, efficiency, higher productivity and wealth, which mattered.

Church leaders had spent too much time in the past on the division of the cake without spending enough time on

Protection for workers had been

reduced by the free-market economy. Privatization of services in the health service, for instance, had led to low-paid staff being paid even less. staff be It was sad that only Britain had refused to accept the proposed European social charter, which was not very

The bigher values of coco-operation were required more than

Earlier, Lord Bourdman (C), initiation the debate, moved a motion praising the role of the free-market economy in creating the wealth to provide presper-

years for the miracles of Thatcherism."

Lord Bruce of Donington, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury affairs in the Lords, said that the motion was almost obscene when two million people were unemployed. were unemployed, the balance of payments deficit was more than £20 billion, inflation was the highest among manufacturing countries, there were 250,000 homeless people and seven million people were living below the poverty line.

These were not particularly impressive results of a free-market economy by any competitive standard.

Lady Seear, for the Liberal Demo-crats, said that there was a high degree

lived in public squalor.

One characteristic of the Government was its fullure to take a long view. That was because it had taken too much notice of the signals of the market. The market be a servant not a master. Lord Joseph (C) said that great progress had been made in this country

progress and been made in this country in the past decade. For generations, under governments of all parties, Britain had countenanced a culture bostile to the imperatives of prosperity, job creation and the sort of private affinence necessary for public officers. essary for public affinence.

The risk-taker was imperative for the market economy. People such as journalists, intellectuals, teachers and dons should not disparage entrepreneurs as contemptible or grubby.

Government determined on green pound devaluation

The following report of a Commons debate on agriculture appeared in later editions yesterday.

The Government's determing about tactics. The green
pound meant that British farmers got less for their products
than did other farmers in the
Community.

The Government's determination to get an immediate and substantial devaluation of the green pound was made clear by Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, when he opened the debate.

The question of the green ound was the first and most important point in the EC negotiations in which they were now involved, he said. He was on one side and no other country had an interest in a change. The negotiations would change. The negotiations would it; that something was done go on until March or April and it about some Mediterranean

"I am absolutely committed to its total dismantlement." He was appalled that there were still some in the EC who had not accepted that the system would have to end after 1992. Big strides had been made in improving the common agricultural policy (CAP).

He wanted to go further towards ensuring that food was not destroyed; that food was not grown if there was no market for products, particularly where

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Frand was widespread and Britain had taken the toughest measures in support of the Commission and had refused to support the watered down proposals of others. He would be as tough on fraud in this country as he would be on it elsewhere. Amid laughter, he added: "I arm suspicious that Greece an-

nounced that there is no fraud in that country at all". Dr David Clark, chief Opposition spokesman on agri-culture, said that the problem of bovine spongiform encephalop-

The disease was unique to Britain. The Government knew it had a responsibility and had done what it could to hide the there was indefensible wastage.

disease. All along, it had been less than frank.

"It took it 18 months to make BSE a notifiable disease. It took 20 months to introduce com-pulsory slaughter. It took two-and-a-half years to introduce a ban on cattle offal." He called for 100 per cent compensation for farmers with suspect cows and the culling of

all calves of BSE-infected cows. Mr Geraint Howells, Liberal

athy (BSE) would get worse. It Democrat spokesman on agri-was potentially the biggest culture, said that he had been threat to British agriculture aware of BSE many years ago. It was well known in the

agricultural industry that this disease had existed here for 40 or 50 years. The Labour Government had known about it. not know anything about cattle." "Anyone who disputes it does

Mr Teddy Tsylor (Southend, East, C) moved a Conservative backbench amendment regretting expenditure in 1990 of £9 billion on the disposal or destruction of surplus production and the huge extra costs to household budgets of the CAP. household budgets of the CAP.

Mr William Hague (Richmond, Yorks, C) said that it was

Mr David Curry, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture. Fisheries and Food,

tion of the green pound and its abolition as soon as possible. Mr John Home Robertson, an Opposition spokesman on food and agriculture, said that Mr Howells had known about BSE 50 years before it existed.

Mr Howells said he stood by what he had said. Mr Home Robertson said that Labour saw no sense in prolonging the green pound discrepancy. The green pound was a mechanism which had outlived any possible usefulness. Now was the time for it to go.

be a case based on fairness to the agricultural community. "I do not accept that there is a case on public health grounds." The Government had taken

an ultra-cautious aproach and had acted "way beyond what we were recommended to do" These products, so far as every jot of research done was concerned, were safe to eat. British eggs were safe, and a lot of the risk to consumers had been chminated.

The Conservative amend-ment was rejected by 182 votes to 29 - Government majority,

Hong Kong

Benn wants dirty tricks inquiry

The following report of a Commons adjournment debate appropriate the control of t peared in later editions yes-

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterlield, Lab) demanded that the House should investigate the use of disinformation against MPs by the security services. "There are some issues", he said, "where the legislature has a duty to rise against an Executive which will not allow us to know what they

Mr Benn said that the constitutional importance of what the security services had done was that they had made their own decisions about which individuals and organizations were the enemy and then had taken action to deal with that enemy, whereas in every other aspect of defence policy the House itself decided who the Information had been fab-

ricated and distributed about those whom the security services - or ministers, if they knew - regarded as the enemy. The response of ministers had been to tighten security. The House must inquire into the We must establish that min-

by officials. The security ser-



1970s there was some disinformation which set out to deni-grate the Provisional IRA. That policy had been discontinued.

The Government accepted that disinformation aimed at ministers or former ministers that had been dealt with by the Prime Minister in her statement in 1987. "No new evidence of substance has emerged to

isters are in charge and answer- put that statement in question." able; that security policy is Some MPs indicated last decided by Parliament and not week that they had documents or other information to support vices are there to protect us and not to control us.

Mr Archie Hamilton, Minister of State for the Armed allegations of serious wrong-doing by government servants. If they had such evidence, "I urge them to let me see it".

One-vote defeat for artificial insemination move An attempt to prohibit the provision of artificial insemination by donor (AID) and in vitro fertilization to

unmarried women was defeated by one vote in the Lords on Tuesday During the first day of the committee stage of the Human Fertiliza-tion and Embryology Bill an amendment to that effect moved by Lady Saltoun of Abernethy (Ind) was rejected by 61 votes to 60. Moving it, she said that many single

women had brought up much wanted and loved children. But those children must suffer disadvantages and the lack of a father as a role model. She doubted that in vitro techniques should be available to unmarried couples. If a relationship were really stable, couples would marry. Much as we all sympathize with the plight of childless women, their best

interests are not necessarily the best

to bear." In those circumstances the interests of the child must be

Lord Ennels (Lab) asked peers not to take this disturbing course. Having children was a private affair and it wa not for the state to say who should or should not be allowed to have Marriage vows were not relevant to

the quality of parenthood. If peers passed the amendment they would be being bossy, judgemental and in-Lord Hailsham of St Marylebo said that the legal consequences of the amendment had to be considered. If a woman was living apart from her husband, she might legitimately have

AID or IVF. If she was unmarried, she

would be liable, and so would the donor, to a penalty of imprisonment.

"I wonder if that is much sense."

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trying to prohibit AID or IVF by the methods in the Bill. "We should not be making asses of ourselves - and this sort of amendment, in trying to prevent AID because it is AID, while allowing every other form of sexual aberration without penalty - is making asses of

When he had been single he had received a telephone call from a girl asking him to become the father of her in those days AID had not been

invented and I had never heard of IVF, I had only heard of F. I respectfully declined the invitation." Lord McGregor of Durris (Lib Dem) asked how the prohibition would be enforced. Would women have to present themselves at clinics for

treatment carrying their marriage lines? The clause would be regarded by married and unmarried people alike as a gross violation of the privacy of their intimate relations and lives.

"These amendments ... do not accord with prevailing attitudes of women or of families, or sexual and reproductive behaviour. The Earl of Lauderdale (C) said that 1.5 million children in this country were living without fathers and that was relevant to the Bill. Lady Ewart-Biggs (Lab) said that the suggestion that it was wrong to bring children into single-parent fam-

ilies was no justification for the amendments. Families, of whatever structure, had to be supported.

Lord Ashbourne (C) said that the amendment had merit and balance. although he would prefer it to have

Lord Hylton (Ind) said that the weakness of the amendment was that couple. Those who were fortunate enough to be fertile would be able to have children in the normal way. Lord Swinfen (C) said that unmarried couples could enter into contracts to bring up their children as a

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said that the amendment would not allow the grant of a licence of authority for IVI to people who were not married. A person providing treatment would be committing an offence because they would not be authorized by licence, but the person receiving treatment would probably not.

It would be unfortunate if the Bill were be to seen as conflicting with the importance the House attached to family values. It was a matter of conscience and he urged peers to make up their own minds, taking full account of the children's welfare.

Hong Kong passport campaign leader angry and hurt

By Nigel Williamson Political Staff

As MPs use today's Commons debate on European Community rights of residence to raise again their opposition to the Government's plans to issue passports to 50,000 Hong Kong residents, they will be observed sadly from the visitors' gallery by Mr Michael Green, a leading Hong Kong businesaman who has been in London for the past two weeks to lobby politicians on the issue.

Mr Green, a leading figure in

man Tebbit is aware of all the facts. Britain is known for its tolerance, fairness and under-standing. It is hard to believe that any senior politician could take the view he appears to

the Honour Hong Kong campaign, who has had meetings with MPs of all parties during his stay, said: "People in Hong Kong seriously wonder if Norman Tabbie in the Covernment is prepared to issue any passports to generate the confidence that the con prepared to issue any passports at all is a bold move for an Administration concerned about immigration. But he has been telling politicians throughout his visit: "We don't want passports

He has appealed to Mr Tebbit to visit the colony, believing that if he speat time talking to the business community there he

All need passports to generate the confidence that they can escape should the "door scenario occur after the Chinese akeover in 1997. Mr Green cites the example of

Arnhold and Co. the engineering importers of which he is the managing director. Four of his egers have emigrated in

fore, the confidence to stay. People in Hong Kong accept that it is politically unrealistic to expect any government to agree to the potential immigration of 3.2 milion people, Mr Green said. But the Honour Hong Kong campaign believes that the Government could do far more to persuade other countries to issue

Mr Green also attacked Labour's approach to the issue. He said: "They seem to be

mean none. They don't seem to understand the implications of their position at all." Mr Green said that he is

angry and hurt about the situa-tion. He has two boys at school in Britain, but, when they leave, they will not be able to get jobs here. He and his parents were imprisoned by the Japanese passports, including other EC during the Second World War. The Japanese had no difficulty in deciding that we were British. is only the Government in hitehall that does."

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Japan's custom-made leader

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prime minister — as Tokyo's pundits predict — it will be more than just an inconvenience for Toshiki Kaifu, who was hoping to keep the job if he led Japan's ruling Liberal Democrats to their content wintow in elections this expected victory in elections this Abe's succession will be the

signal for the rest of the world, which sometimes still finds the Japanese way as mysterious as the Milky Way, that the political turnoil of the past year is over. The ancien regime will have recovered from the bribery and sex scandals that forced it into a year-long purdah, and an un-adventurous, conservative, wrin-kly pair of hands will be back on

the steering wheel.

It will be the end of Japan's timid steps towards a leaner, less cash-hungry, more youthful pol-itical machine, which looked as if it might have a chance after almost every member of the ruling party's ageing élite had been smeared by the Recruit bribes

The next generation of political heavyweights, now in their forties and lifties — striplings in short pants in Japan, where MPs turn 60 before even thinking of high office - will bite their lips and re-learn the virtues of patience, Japan's system of political petronage, under which the premier's job is rotited among the Liberal Democrase Party's warring tribes, will have triumphed once again. But Abe (pronounced Ashbay) will

He has invested almost every motient of his adult life in becoming prime minister. He is "owed" the job by Noboru
Takeshita, the former prime minister, leader of a rival faction within the LDP, and still the most powerful man in Japanese politics even though he stepped down as primier over the Recruit affair. Triophilis was banded the button by Yasuhiro Nakasone and agreed to pass it to Abe after a decent interval. Spontaneity and uncetainty are not prized commod-

itica in Japan. The smooth line of succession was derailed by the Recruit scandal which forced Takeshita to leave the stage and control the juddering train appears to be getting back on track. It is called consensus politics and owes more to the secretive negotiations that produce a puff of smoke and a new Pope than it does to Western ideas

But under the unbroken 35-year rule of the LDP, Japan has become richer than it dreamed possible. Many voters feel they have little reason to moan if their MPs, who anyway leave most policy-making to bureaucrats, want to spend their time playing pass-the-parcel.

Abe, now aged 65, has left little to chance. Born the son of an MP - usually enough in itself to secure a seat in parliament in Japan, where constituences are handed from father to son like family heirlooms - Abe took out the insurance policy of marrying the boss's daughter. His wedding to the daughter of former prime minister Nobosuke Kishi in-creased his clout. His two sons, who married daughters of powerful Japanese businessmen, have spread Abe's family network into the next generation.

In a country which admires few things more than conformity, Abe has pursued a textbook course for the élite. He graduated in 1949 in politics from Tokyo University, Japan's best. After a stint as a political journalist with the mid-dle-of-the-road Mainichi newspaper, he entered politics in 1956, at the age of 32, as private secretary to his influential fatherin-law. Two years later he was elected to parliament.

He has served as agriculture, forestry and fisheries minister, chief Cabinet secretary, international trade and industry minister, chairman of the LDP's policy research council, the LDP's secretary general and Japan's longest serving and most widely-travelled foreign minister since the Second World War.

Abe has even written a book about diplomacy, full of the vague, unobjectionable mumbo-jumbo which is the stock in trade of the consensus-craving MP. In his four years as forcign minister he did what all Japanese ministers do, and stamped his seal of approval on what his civil servants put before him.

It is a c.v. that far outshines Takeshita's, let alone that of Kaifu, who only had a stint as education minister under his belt when he was plucked from ob-



eisha-tainted Sosuke Uno. While his newspaper experience has given him a finer feel for public opinion than the other grandees of the LDP, Abe is a match for any of them in fundraising, an art which guarantees power in the LDP: it creates a war chest to nurse young MPs who then pledge their allegiance to their benefactor. Abe has built up a faction of 80 MPs, second only to Takeshita's 105.

If his fundraising skills helped to catapult him up the govern-ment ladder, they also threatened to be his undoing. In April last year he admitted that his wife, Yoko, had pocketed about eight million yen (£32,500) from the disgraced Recruit company, whose former hose is on trial for whose former boss is on trial for bribing senior Japanese MPs, businessmen and bureaucrats.
The money was billed as a
"consulting fee". But it is believed that Ahe got nearly 100 million yen (£405,500) in all from Recruit in political donations.

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mill until the scale of Recruit's generosity shocked even a Japa-nese public which thought it had nothing new to learn about its politicians' influence-peddling and nest-feathering.

here would have been a public outcry if Abe had been shoe-horned into the job when Takeshita was forced to step down last summer over his links to Recruit, since he, too, had Recruit money in his wallet. When Uno's philandering with bar girls made the prime minister's job vacant again, a second caretaker was found in Kaifu.

His job was to keep the seat warm until the country was ready for Abe. A secondary factor was that after his long wait, Abe suddenly was not ready for the job. He was rushed into hospital last summer, apparently for gallstone surgery, although political insiders said the malady might

Even Abe must have thought that Recruit and illness had together killed his dream of leading Japan. But his health began to pick up again, and with it his ambition. He has been making speeches and shaking hands for months, since long before the general election was called. Abe knows that Takeshita will honour his required to hand over the prior. his promise to hand over the reins. All that is left is to persuade voters he has done penance for his ties to the Recruit mess and to find a way to put the hapless Kaifu out to

The Japanese have short, forgiving memories. The LDP's popularity in recent opinion polls suggests that the Recruit episode has become just another of several political corruption scandals punctuating Japan's postwar history. What nags Abe is that the inexperienced but unexcep-tionable Kaife may also have helped to rally the party's fortunes and that Kaifu may be seeking his

Abe's poor health has persuaded him not to dilly-dally by allowing Kaifu to fade slowly. Also worrying Abe is the crop of young Turks
— including Ryutaro Hashimoto,
the finance minister, and Ichiro
Ozawa, the LDP's secretary general, both popular and talented -who are itching for power to fall to a younger generation of leaders. A plan has been hatched to make it almost impossible for Kaifu to last long after the election, whatever

the outcome.

Takeshita did his bit by making it clear that he was still kingmaker, that he was pulling Kaifu's strings and it was up to the puppet-master to decide when Kaifu left the stage. Abe and Takeshita snapped what remained of Kaifu's confidence by arranging for Abe to make a high-profile, headline-stealing visit to President Gorbachov in Moscow last month, just when Kaifu was making a statesman's tour of Europe. Abe's travelling compan-ions included LDP leaders while

Kaifu's entourage was padded out with what one observer called "a motley bunch of junior spearbearers who tagged along for the

What are Abe's chances of success? Probably rather good. A whispering campaign has begun to prepare the ground. A senior member of the LDP

said: "There is a growing feeling within the party that there is a need to establish a proper administration as soon as possible to deal with the serious issues facing the LDP, both within and outside the party."

A top member of Abe's faction says matter-of-factly: "It is not envisaged that Kaifu will serve for the full term of his presidency," which expires in October. "We'll see a change in the leadership by the June to August period of this year. We would be happy to see Abe take over." So will Abe.

Joe Joseph

Christie's, the inside story

Discover why Brian Sewell, art critic of the year in 1989, abandoned a promising career at Christie's ("An unhappy wife. story and some may say one that need not be told . . ."). Find out what happened

when the Max Factor magnate Notion Simon gave the auctioneer impossible instructions at the sale of Rembrandi's portrait of "Titus" for an artist ("... When he stands up he has stopped bidding. If he then sits down again he is not bicding until he raises his finger ...").

he a fly on the wall when New York supremo David Bathurst tells of the "erroneous" statement that ruined his 'career with Christie's ("Just say they were sold,

All this, and more, can be found in Inside Christie's by John Herbert, the company's head of public relations for three decades until he retired It is the first book on the

company since 1958. Although couched in the discreet terms of the author's caste (he is the son of the novelist A.P. Herbert), it is the closest we will probably ever get to a Christie's "kiss and tell". Last week, Herbert could be

found at his picturesque house beside the Thames at Hammersmith, the phone ringing constantly as former colleagues gave reassurances that the content of the book was acceptable to them. For example, Johnny van Haeften, an eminent West End dealer and once Herbert's minion, apparently doesn't mind being described as "a rather friv-olous youth".

Although most of Christie's present directors escape such tant characterizations, it is runoured that the book contams enough to embarrass them and that they plan to boycott the launch party next Monday-

mevitably, in view of the subject, the book frequently gliners with strings of "discovery" stories, and the occasienai in-house romance. Published for the first time is a photograph of Judy Runick modelling jewellery during an auction. The one-time Miss Israel, who became a Christie's front counter girl, was sussequently noticed by Alf

has its share of japes, as when whose identity was unknown, and in 1964,

the experts in-

unannounced appearances at Northwick Park."

my behalf. Paul Mellon." Such incidents are just the After an initial visit to Cuba sort of anecdotes that anc- by the chairman, Peter

Sotheby's. He made her his Control of the format of the fo

A weekly strable image of their trade. look at But Herbert the art world tails about its

was unknown, and in 1964, when Charlie Allsopp, now the London chairman, went boating in Lord Rockley's estate in Gloucestershire during a valuation. The boat of control of the control o capsized. "I remember feeling culated every morning to slightly uneasy," Herbert directors in case there was writes, "wondering what Lord anyone with important works Rockley would have thought of art".

— I knew he made sudden Previous

when David Bathurst nearly in 1962. Patrick Lindsay, a refused to sell a Seurat to an director, was approached by a unfamiliar "bearded man in a mackintosh". Luckily the gentleman handed up a card saying: "The bearer of this offer for all the works of art card is authorized to bid on confiscated when Castro

Previously unrecorded episodes include a dangerous valuation in Cuba at the time Another close shave was of the US-Russia missile crisis syndicate which even today seized power early in 1959."



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All this takes place against a

background of the slow, often painful growth of Christie's into an international opera-

Whether the company has evolved from élitism to meritocracy, as Herbert claims, is questionable, And there are still only two woman out of 38 board members. leave? Herbert puts it down to

a combination of frustration at the infighting within his department, along with the company's failure to promote A contributive factor could have been an incident when the company announced that

As to the Norton Simon incident, which took place in

forced to start the bidding again, and Simon secured his prize. The price was £798,000 - the highest then paid for a picture in Britain. Letters of objection were written to The

The Bathurst incident, when he pretended two paintings had sold when they had not, came as he descended the rostrum from a disastrous sale in 1981. He was approached by a reporter claiming the art market had collapsed. "I could see he had already written it on his pad," Bathurst says in the book. "If I said yes he would probably have written 'confirmed Mr Bathurst'. I thought, 'Oh no, that's all we need, a headline saying: Art market has col-lapsed'. So I said, 'No, I don't think the art market has collapsed. Not a great sale, but not a collapse"."

identified by the better-known expert, David Carritt, when the discovery was in fact made by Sewell himself.

1965, the millionaire's instructions went wrong, with Peter Chance, the auctioneer, knocking the painting down to the Mariborough Gallery, and Simon objecting vociferously. There then ensued a most vulgar argument."

Eventually, Chance felt

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ALAN HAMILTON

gon Krenz – the man who gave the order to open the Berlin Wall – is out of work, pensionless and trying to make money by peddling his memoirs of six short weeks in power in East Germany. Last weekend he tested the market in Bremen, where he appeared on a radio talk show before going on to relax in a Hamburg jazz cellar. Later, he was allowed to sit in at the editorial conference of the mass-circulation daily Bild which, when Krenz ousted Honecker to seize power, castigated his high living and heavy drinking "When Karl Marx leaves, Johnnie Walker comes in." Afterwards, all clearly forgiven, the paper took him to the Fischereihafen, Germany's best fish restaurant, and plied him with food and deint. But they didn't have his beek and deint. and drink. But they didn't buy his book -perhaps because he hasn't written it yet.

nrther East European news. You remember wireless sets, don't you?
The big things that could pick up
Hilversum and Athlone, powered by great
glowing valves, that have now given way to
the ubiquitous tranny. David Crossley, who runs his own Birmingham electronics business, has landed a £25,000 initial order to supply these old-fashioned valves to Bulgaria. Not, I may say, to allow the Bulgarians to keep listening to the BBC, but to keep their elderly airport radar function-ing through the next decade. "Modern radar systems don't use valves any more, but they are actually in many ways more reliable than transistors." Crossley tells me. And before you look down your nose at the poor, antiquated Bulgarians, or change your mind about flying into Sofia, let me tell you that he supplies them to our own Civil Aviation

 Passengers on an Aer Lingus flight to Manchester were alarmed when it suddenly balted on the apron at Dublin and the captain announced that a vital piece of equipment had been left behind. After some minutes they saw the essential part being wheeled towards them: the drinks trolley.

as The Times of last century superior to The Sun today? We like V to think so, but an essay on "Victorian Standards" in the current issue of the magazine British Style doubts it. We informed our readers one morning that "Mr Gladstone, the Prime Minister, has suffered a sharp attack of diarrhoea," and on another occasion thought nothing of intruding on the breakfast table with a debate on whether public urinals should be erected within sight of the homes of gentlefolk. This newspaper apart, things don't change much except, the magazine suggests, that we have lost the Victorians' talent for hypocrisy. "It was a time when fashionable whores mixed freely in High Society," says British Style. Oh, things haven't changed a bit.

BARRY FANTONI



"Safe to go to bed, Mr Gorbackov — I've checked malaromatic for finds"

ditorship of the BBC's flagship current affairs show Panorama is up for trabs. The present rising-star incumbent. Tim Gardam, has been promoted to the higher and darker skies of Newsnight, where he can twinkle more brightly. Among the 18 candidates to be interviewed next week for the prestigious - and of course thoroughly impartial - post is Stephen Robin, now in public relations and adviser to a couple of MPs on the Broadcasting Bill. During the 1987 general election Robin was head of broadcasting at Tory Central Office, counterpart to Labour's Peter Mandelson. He left to fight the Euro-seat of Strathclyde West for the Tories, and was pummelled into third place by Labour and the SNP. Whether such a political cv is help or hindrance before the BBC mandarins, I shall be most intrigued to discover.

B ad times for estate agents are forcing them to new heights of hyperbole and irrelevant conjunction in their handouts. "Dylan Thomas would have drunk there" says the prospectus for a coach house in Laugharne, south Wales, entirely unconnected with the poet's boathouse home and converted to a wine bar more than 35 years after the village's most famous resident passed on to the great public bar in the sky. Mind you, poor dear Dylan would

Communism, killed by a new revolution

Two political phenomena today dominate political life in Eastern Europe pluralism and the dissolution of the Communist party. To be sure, they are dialectically inter-related. Political pluralism did not come out of the blue. It is the necessary result in the political sphere of a process of social

The official communist rlaim up to now was that, because of industrialization, an everincreasing working class would take shape in the post-revolutionary epoch, a class sufficiently integrated to share a common ideological consciousness and a common set of material and

As for the Communist party, it was initially conceived as the party of the proletariat, by which Marx and Lenin meant the class exploited by the capitalists by doing manual work. Of course, as the party of the future, it was supposed to lead a class that embodied the most advanced emerging productive forces.

The scientific-technological revolution has invalidated all Examining the results of a six-these assumptions one by one. Examining the results of a six-year inquiry led by the Soviet

Silviu Brucan, a leader of the new Instead of homogenization, we witness a process of social differentiation which will be Romania, believes swift technical widened by the current reforms. The socio-occupational groups that emerge range from unskilled and skilled manual workers to change has left the party obsolete engineers and specialists, whitecollar functionaries and state administrative personnel, creative intellectual professionals,

sociologist Tatiana Zaslavskya, the seminar concluded: man workers are against; skilled workers support democratization but not economic changes; intellectuals and leaders are in favour of both; bureancrats and the administrative apparatus oppose radical reform; managers of enterprises support economic change, but not political change. Now, where and how are these major social groups going to express their views?

In a socially differentiated society, political pluralism is a must if violent social eruptions and clashes are to be avoided and economic activities are to follow an ascending line. In recent times, Gorbachov has often mentioned "socialist pluralism". But what exactly is it?

party and in public. There are only two possible

pluralism within a one-party system. However, party pluralism means renouncing the monolithic conception that has made the Communist party intolerant, repressive and bureaucratic. This means the acceptance and legalization of groups and factions within the party, the only way of making it democratic and representative. In fact, factions did exist and will always exist in a socially differentiated society with a oneparty system. Even after the tenth congress of the Bolshevik party in 1921 which, at Lenin's proposal, adopted the resolution forbidding them, factions continued to exist, with leftist and rightist platforms clashing in the

Subsequently, one faction be it Stalin's, Khrushchev's,

is monolithism - the denial of the right of various social groups to be represented - that has made the Communist party

repressive, within and without. The fact is that if the constitnent parts of society do not and cannot defend their interests and express their views in the only party that exists, then the emergence of alternative political parties is not only inevitable but perfectly legitimate. That is exactly what is happening throughout Eastern Europe.

Moreover, the principal social effect of the technological revolution has pushed the intellectuals to the forefront of society. We are thus dealing with a social stratum that cannot possibly come to terms with an intolerant and repressive political machinery. In addition, the ideal social

base of the Communist party, the manual workers of peasa origin, is a dwindling social stratum, diminishing both in numbers and social status. The underlying social reason for Brezhnev's "period of stagna-

chov's - has invariably run the party by eliminating the other. It the pre-eminence of the inclustrial worker on the altar of the technological revolution.

in the age of computers and the information society, the manual worker can hardly be described as the embodiment of the most advanced productive process. Hence a legitimate question arises: how can the Com-munist party, which was established to represent him, remain

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That one is

in the political vanguard? That is why the Communist parties in Eastern Europe are doomed to extinction. Even in the Soviet Union, the Communist party is apparently unable to play the vanguard role required by Gorbachov's revolu-

tionary breakthrough. Professor Brucan, once a leading member of the Romanian Communist Party, was one of six Romanians who wrote an open letter to the West in March 1989 criticizing Ceausescu's policies. This week he resigned from the executive of the National Salvation Front but remains on its council and will be involved in shaping the Front's campaign for the May general election.

Glenys Kinnock offers a personal view of Nicaragua as national elections near

A land in need of healing aid

ow can it be, asks Father Miguel d'Escoto, the foreign minister, that Nicaragua is such a threat? "There are just two elevators in the whole country - and only one of them works." Time and again, as works." Time and again, as Brenda Dean and I toured Nicaragus at a critical time in its history, we heard the same complaint: "Our right to sovereignty is denied on the basis that we represent a threat, existing as we do in their backyard, to We arrived one month before

the presidential and local elections and immediately felt the full blast of the Sandinista government's hard campaigning. In the north, we heard several accounts of continuing activity by the Contras in response to that campaign — attacks on local communities, ambushes of those at the forefront of the electoral fight. Some 4.000 Contras have flooded back into the countryide from their Ho

The main opposition, UNO. has apparently been damaged by these attacks. Its president, Ciranto Sosa, has a son in the Contra army. Sosa himself was a lieutenant in the National Guard run by Somoza, the dictator overthrown by the Sandinistas

It was in the town of Esteli that

for far too long, the recep-

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tion given by many on the

Gorbachov's liberationist poli-cies in the Soviet Union was

foolishly grudging. Was he not still a communist? Why had he

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Berlin and Prague; had that been all that was needed they would have risen years ago. They acted

of the war. Agriculture has been severely disrupted over the last decade; because of the US economic blockade they cannot sell their tobacco and coffee crops. The result - paralysis of the whole region.

service employees, private arti-

sans and repairmen, co-op-

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neurs etc. In brief, the techno-

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working class as a large, com-

Therefore, the question is whether the Communist party

will be able to reshape its

conception and organization to

accommodate the various in-

terests and views of the emerging social groups, particularly those of the intellectuals. The issue

was discussed candidly at a

seminar last May in the Soviet Siberian city of Novosibirsk entitled "Perestroika? Who is in

favour and who against?".

pact, sociological unity.

Yet the amnesty offered to the Contras by the Sandinista government seems to have been accepted. "We have to live with them or face more war," a government official told us. "We want to believe that peace is possible." But only a fortnight earlier, a group of Sandinistas had been ambushed by Contra terrorists as they travelled to an election meeting. The Sandinistas' driver, a young service-man, was killed, a teachers' union official critically injured.

Yet despite the thuggery and intimidation, there is enormous enthusiasm for the election. Almost nine out of ten of those eligible to vote have registered. There remains a strong sense of nagua barrio and in the villages, people are acutely aware of their country's history, of the long struggle against dictatorship, and repeated US intervention. Of late, the added US military

resence in Panama has resulted in an extra turning of the screw Bernard Levin's column will

appear tomorrow.



on Nicaragua. Since the US trade embargo was imposed in 1985, Panama has been the main channel for Nicaraguan foreign commerce and access to American goods and dollars.

Virtually everyone I met had lost a loved one in the past decade. "I thought I too would die", an old lady told me, "when my two sons were killed by the Contras." The suffering is exaccrbated by the government's drastic cuts in public expenditurn and investment as it tries to stabilize the economy. Inflation, which exceeded 80,000 per cent in 1988, has been reduced to about 10 per cent a month. But the cost has been enormous. At the hospital in Esteli the

doctors spelt out the real cost of the war. "There is not going to be much left over when a country has to spend 50 per cent of its GNP on defence," one said.

The hospital in Esteli is short of everything staff, drugs, sy-ringes, and sheets. Babies are suffering from malnutrition, diarrhoea and acute respiratory infections - although, thanks to a health campaign involving everyone from the president down, the infant mortality rate has been more than halved in the past 10 years and there has been

provision of primary preventive services at community level. Even so, hospitals find it hard to deliver even a basic service. A surgeon complained that he often has to ask patients to buy their own sutures before he can operate, and though medication is free for some, the rest have to pay. Maria Tellez, the health minister, has agreed to the introduction of pay beds. She

wants those who can afford to

buy treatment to provide the

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She said, half joking, that a by-product is the increase in the "social productivity" of the doctors. Now, instead of going home at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, they stay to attend to their private patients. The health system, like much

else in Nicaragua, has developed from a general commitment to piuralism and to a socialist system which takes into account the realities of the situation. Change has called for the active and enthusiastic involvement of the people, something which gives heart to agencies such as Oxfam. A dialogue exists between government, professionals, communities and the popular organizations. Their shared responsibility for the outcome is recognized.

Meanwhile the efforts to secure reconciliation go on. Vice-

President Sergio Ramarez compares the process to a train which offers a journey to all the people of Nicaragua. The wounds will only be healed when we join together to rebuild our shattered economy," he said.

ut it is not entirely up to the Nicaragnan people, introduced and their isolation must be ended if they are to work their way out of their crushing poverty. Nicaragua has been applauded by many in-dividuals and international agencies and organizations for the way it has established a priority of needs in difficult economic conditions. It is time now for countries like Britain to respond to its achievements by

providing development aid.

Currently there is little attempt to respond to the genuine humanitarian needs of Nicaragua. It is time indeed that the entire European Community adopted a more positive and supportive approach. Also, if a "special relationship" still exists, our government should urge Washington to lift the trade embargo and to press the World Bank, the IMF and others to take

a more sympathetic approach Senora d'Escoto, mother of the foreign minister, told us way she was so looking forward to election day. It will be only fer second opportunity to vote draing her 90 years. I hope, along with her, for the processes of healing to take shape after February 25. It will, after all, be the most "observed" election the most "observed" election ever in an independent country. of American States declare it to have been free and fair, this will surely signal an end to the military and economic agression which has cost so many thousands of Nicaraguan kves.

Glenys Kinnock is chairnoman of the Bernt Carlsson Trust. Her visit to Nicaragua was sponspres by the Catholic Institute of International Affairs.

Ronald Butt urges sympathy for de Klerk as well as Gorbachov

Mirror images of reform can live with it and develop it

lower its guard? If it was not a had given clear signals that the Soviet Union would not suptrick, then he would probably be overturned and totalitarian compress them with tanks. They knew there had been a change of munism would be restored. Now heart and mind in the Soviet tional right of rule, has not the Union and that a different sort of politics was emerging at last from the cold, dogmatic climate moved, threatening its dis-integration and the burial of of Kremlin Marxism, as always must happen eventually after any revolution.

Gorbachov's power in the ruins? Yet the reality has been To recognize all this is neither sentiment nor wishful thinking. Still less does it imply that the throughout that Gorbachov has moved step by step both to prevent a build-up of enemies West should lower its military against him and to encourage guard. It is simply an acknowpublic opinion to push him further - so that he could always ledgment of the historical truth that even the most total tyranny say, truthfully, that there was no must end sooner or later, and alternative. That is why, whatthat the best hope of ending it in ever happens to this remarkable reasonable peace lies in action man personally, what he has achieved cannot be reversed. taken from within the system itself by reasonable men who Likewise, the liberation of the had gained access to politics in the only way open to them. Soviet Union's former satellite

Now let us apply the same principles to President de Klerk. South Africa and the grudging reaction of some on the liberalleft to his speech last week. It can

though the banned African organizations have been unbanned and Nelson Mandela is to be freed, much of the system of apartheid remains and, in de Klerk's proposals for negotiations, there is no specific commitment to one person-one vote on a single franchise roll.
In London on his way to South

Africa, the Rev Jesse Jackson acknowledged the importance of de Klerk's speech but still saw no case either for encouraging progress by ending sanctions (it was enough to refrain from strengthening them) or for any concessions on investment in South Africa.

The conditions for both were not only the total end of apartheid but a definite agreement on full democracy as the sine qua non of dealings with South Africa. There is, he thinks, no more reason to fear universal suffrage on a single voting roll than there were grounds in the US for the fear of desegregation

Yet what many white South but rather the possibility that one man-one vote on a single roll might produce a one-party state built on the manipulation of a large black majority plunged suddenly into the democratic process. They fear the possibility of a society with standards of incorruptibility, liberty and efficiency such as obtain elsewhere in Africa.

President de Klerk has made it clear that he is now committed to universal franchise and full democracy. There is also no doubt, both from his and from other ministerial statements. that race classification is to end, which implies a single franchise roll. The establishment of black homelands and a three-chamber parliament have both been tried without success and the government now accepts that white South Africans cannot simply prescribe a constitution. They know that its formulation must be shared with blacks and all other communities so that all

The questions to be settled, therefore, concern the method of a single franchise roll; whether it is to be by proportional representation and in what manner, how minorities are to be protected; how civil liberties are to be safeguarded and so on. President de Klerk has to overcome resistance in his own community, and that is why he cannot commit himself outright to a specific constitutional goal. Like Gorbachov the Communist leader, de Klerk the Afrikaner leader must act by stages.

It appears to be envisaged that the negotiating process will last at least a year from the time it starts and will involve representatives from all the interested groups, territories and tribes. For de Klerk to have said more about the future at this stage than he did say would have been to give hostages to fortune. It would be equally foolish not to bracket the commitment to universal suffrage with one to protecting the rights of all minorities. It is not

simply a question of safeguaiding the rights of a white minorty which has been indifferent to those of the black majoray. What matters is whether South Africa, with its mineral weath and its sophisticated Western economy, is to become a genuite democracy in spirit to the benefit of all its inhabitants or a pseuddemocratic state with universit franchise which can be manipilated for arbitrary purposes it the cost of social and economic

The wish for a speedy end to apartheid is healthy. But be some anti-apartheid campainers in this country there is an instinctive urge to see the present "masters" humiliated by a kind of unconditional surreder, just as some in the past had sometimes seemed resigned o risk bloodshed to achieve their deal. Yet if there is one over riding lesson of history it is that progress is best and most durable when it is gained by evolution and worst when revolution ses the seeds of future trouble.

The task of Presidents Gobachov and de Klerk has been woo people into change, add they deserve calm and encoura ing responses. When a door opened, the threshold should be crossed thoughtfully and puf-erably with a smile — not with

I have to go back a bit before I can go forward, 1964. The Daily Herald, for which I wrote leaders, was on its last legs. Average age of readership: deceased. Circulation: we would rather not say. The only advertisements it pulled in were for hearing aids and bunion cures. Agencies came up with the battle cry: "Put your truss in the Daily

Then early in September of that year it was relaunched and became The Sun - hardly any relation to the present title. I became its sportswriter and in October I was sent to Tokyo to cover the Olympic Games.

When I came back to London I appeared on an Eamonn Andrews show to talk about our athletes. and then did another show, and another, and became famous. I opened filling stations for serious money and when I went out people gaped and said: "It's him."

"Who?" asked their children.
"The one from telly," explained their parents, "he's famous."

I did all the things famous people do: Call My Bluff, Tell The Truth, What's My Line, The Simon Dee Show and, because I had once been a cook, I was awarded an ITV cookery pro-gramme called Freud on Food. In 1966 the BBC asked me if I would do Jackanory, a children's programme then presented by famous people like Peter Sellers and Bernard Cribbins, and I said yes.

I told a story about a boy called Grimble - an amalgam of my five children - who was "about ten" and had rotten parents. The old Grimbles went away to Peru

without telling him and left notes about where to find food; sent misleading telegrams about when they might be coming back. Altogether I did three Grimble

STOTICS. Grimble was published by Collins and I became a famous author. Barry Norman interviewed me - before he became famous - and the book sold 20.000 in hardback - I guaranteed the sale and got left with 3,000 copies, which are still mouldering in a St John's Wood

Puffin printed Grimble in paperback and since 1967 it has reprinted the book once or twice each year: modest reprints, but



Warming to an ageing Grimble

FREUD ever and anon enlightened

schoolteachers buy copies and

read them to their pupils. At the

end of the lesson they tell their

customers to write to Mr Freud

and explain what they liked in the

book and ask when he is going to We now move to Tuesday of

this week when I got a batch of letters from children at St Mary's Church of England primary school in Stansted, Essex. Among them was the most touching communication to reach me since I did a commercial for a pet food called Chunky Meat and received a note from a West Indian bus driver: This Chunky Meat you say is good, is not so good; it tastes pretty nasty and don't go too well with green banana hash." publish the seven-year-old child's letter in its entirety: "Dear Mr Freud. How are you? From

here I'm from Lebanon. Your

book is very hard but I like some of it when I understand. Love from Wassim.

In the same class an urbane boy called David: "Dear Mr Freud, I hope your book is selling well. I'm Zoe: "Next Christmas, please

can you write Santa and the Big Snowhall. Yours sincerely." Rebecca wrote: "I like it when Grimble's father says if someone starts a sentence with actually, it means they are telling lies. I also like Ronald Dahl and Enid blyton. You should write more books about Grimble."

From Corinne's letter I learn that she has two pets a budgie and

write back. Richard says: "I like Grimble because the parents are brill. I would like to be a writer." And Hayley wants me to write her a book called My Little Pony. For the last 24 years I have toyed with writing more children's books - because of the enormous pleasure of getting letters from satisfied clients, I get none from those who have bought my eight grown-up books. I thought of Grimble at Westminster - but it would have an unhappy ending. Grimble in Fleet
Street might have been all right
but Grimble at Wapping doesn't sound like a best seller. When I have worked out what to do with the 3,000 hardbacks in the St John's Wood garage, I might write a sequel; by that time Wassim – whose love I return – will understand. It's all about having good teachers like the one at St Mary's in Stansted.

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REVOLUTION IN MOSCOW

History was made in the Kremlin yesterday. The Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party adopted a new political platform under which Article 6 of the Soviet Constitu-tion, the legal basis for the Communist Party's monopoly of power, is to be abolished. For the first time since 1917, the party Lenin once called the "conscience, honour and mind of the nation" will have to justify that large claim against fierce political competition.

That one fact dwarfs all others: the Soviet Union is launched on a road which must eventually lead to political pluralism, however handicapped its development may be by the Union's still-operative socialist Constitution. Soviet voters have been given the unmistakable signal that the party is no longer an inescapable feature of their lives — even if it is not yet, as it was described last night by the president of the Russian Federation, Mr Vitaly Vorotnikov, "just like any party in the world". President Gorbachov, whatever concessions have been offered the party hardliners in pursuit of consensus, has won the battle to modernize the party and thus, he hopes, to harness the forces of change in the Soviet

Success in that strategic goal is far from assured: having outflanked the party orthodox. he faces the much harder task of convincing the Soviet people that modernization is enough to give the party the "decisive role" he still seeks for it in political life. However radical yesterday's decisions may seem to the party faithful, they will strike many voters as no more than plain common sense, and many more as wholly inadequate.

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The nervousness of the orthodox on that score helps to explain why the plenum took a third unscheduled morning to reach its decision, and why Mr Gorbachov came under the fiercest attacks of his career. He was criticized both by reformers and hardliners for indecisive leadership. Even among the ranks of his closest supporters, there were demands that "extremist" parties be banned which reflected profound misgivings about giving genuinely free rein to political debate.

A chorus led by Mr Gorbachov's ranking opponent, Mr Yegor Ligachov, demanded the restoration of party discipline, blamed Mr Gorbachov's policies of perestrolka for wrecking the Soviet economy and glasnost for bringing it to the edge of chaos. The bitterness of their criticisms reflects the awareness of the apparatchiks who make up more than 70 per cent of the Central Committee that, as some said, the principle of socialist internationalism

The question, as they filed out of the Kremlin, was whether Lenin's state, to which

they owe their positions, can survive without Lenin's state ideology. The point was underlined earlier this week when grassroots pressure, coupled with the refusal of industrial collectives to pay their party dues, compelled the resignation of yet another party chief, this time in the important industrial region of Sverdlovsk. Across the country, there are reports of defections from the party, and the formation of new political groups.

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Both trends may well accelerate if, as expected, party candidates do badly in the forthcoming local elections. Even before the party Congress, which has been brought forward to midsummer, meets to endorse the new platform, the party is likely to split into factions, with the centre losing not only the hardliners but those who, like Mr Boris Yeltsin, believe that Mr Gorbachov has been insufficiently radical.

Mr Gorbachov's authority, in a weakened party, could be enhanced by the increased executive powers he is set to assume - as state President, not as party chief. But the more he distances himself from the party, the more directly accountable he will be held for the miserable performance of the Soviet economy. It is difficult to see how he can continue to present himself as the champion of civil and political freedoms without tackling the inconsistency between political pluralism and bureaucratic centralism.

The lesson of Eastern Europe is that those who have tried to modernize communism have lost out; it is those prepared to break with a hated system who rapidly assumed leadership once the façades began to crack. The Soviet Union, however, may not shed Leninism so rapidly: the product is home-grown, and longer-established: Mr Ligachov called for a referendum on the introduction of private property to make the point that distrust of the marketplace is deeply rooted.

So far, Mr Gorbachov's political instincts and beliefs - have inclined him to extreme caution on the economic front. Last December's outline of the new five-year plan purported to provide for the transition to 'market-oriented relations", but in fact deferred reforms, such as price liberalizaton, without which a transition is impossible. The 'planned market" is a contradiction in terms.

Mr Gorbachov's dilemma is that the risks involved in the political reforms which he has induced the party to sanction are magnified by economic stagnation, but that the pain of serious reforms could hasten the party's demise. He has proved himself once again a master of political maneouvre; the coming months will stretch to the full his capacity for

strategic vision.

GUARDING FAIRNESS

A major fraud trial involving a number of people well known in the City is about to begin at Southwark Crown Court. Yesterday the Court of Appeal upheld a ruling by the trial judge on Monday, Mr Justice Henry, that it could be reported in the press. The Times was one of the newspapers which, along with broadcasting organizations, had sought that ruling and which therefore opposed yesterday's

appeal against it. The Court of Appeal's decision, which was technically a refusal of leave to appeal, leaves newspapers clear for the first time to refer to the existence of these matters, which could not have been mentioned before without risk of contempt of court. Even Mr Justice Henry's ruling against the imposition of reporting restrictions could not be reported on Monday, because of an application to appeal. If he had decided differently, or if the Court of Appeal had overturned his decision, it would not have been possible to report even that they had done

This is a situation which is both confusing and alarming. It results from a scrpentine combination of two pieces of recent legislation, the Criminal Justice Act of 1987 and the Contempt of Court Act of 1981; and from the decision of Mr Justice Henry to allow two trials instead of one, although the events from which both of them arise were the same. (It is worth noting in passing that even his decision to allow two trials could not be reported until after the case yesterday).

His reasons for allowing the cases to be split in two were manifestly based on the needs of justice, as to deal with so many complex matters in one trial would have risked unfairness. In his ruling on Monday Mr Justice Henry disclosed that after he had made that decision, it was argued on behalf of some of the defendants in the second trial that any reporting of the earlier trial could prejudice the later one. He accepted that that was at least possible, but on balancing it against the public interest, found in favour of the latter.

"There are strong public policy reasons why justice should be administered openly, and

identifying competent operators.

In other countries the mecha-

nism is compulsory registration,

whereas in the UK there is no such

control. My own institute, which is a professional body acting primarily in the public interest, is

supported entirely by the vol-untary subscription of members.

of the Environment published a

report by the "beat the cowboys"

working party, of which I was a

member. The report said the case

for the general compulsory registration of builders was not

proven. However, there was a

better case for compulsory reg-

istration for specialist areas of

activity such as plumbing, gas, and

electrical installation, where issues

of health and safety of the public

are involved.

Two years ago the Department

fairly reported," he declared. He also expressed some robust confidence in the fair-mindedness of juries, pointing out that they often heard cases with a potential for pre-judgement. "They overcome any such bias to deal with such matters properly and to the public satisfaction." But he added a stern warning to the press that any departure from the strict standards of fair reporting could be deemed to introduce prejudice into the minds of a second jury, and advised them to give this aspect their close attention.

All this is beyond criticism as a proper application of the present law. It is far from satisfactory that such laws exist, however. No doubt with the best of intentions, Parliament has turned the once simple task of court reporting into a labyrinth of confusing rules and conflicting principles. In that situation nothing is more certain than that sooner or later someone will make a serious mistake in an area of law where strict liability applies - no guilty intention has to be proved for an offence to be committed.

That fear alone could inhibit the press from discharging adequately its duty to acquaint the community with proceedings in the courts. It is, in Lord Denning's phrase, the watchdog guarding fairness. Parliament went wrong in its framing of the Criminal Justice Act when it decided to impose precise and complex restrictions on the reporting of fraud cases, because it made that important guardianship role very difficult to exercise effectively.

It would have done far better to have trusted judges to use their discretion under Section 4 of the Contempt of Court Act to prohibit reporting of specific pieces of evidence that might in the judge's opinion be seriously prejudicial to the interests of justice, and to have left it at that. Instead, Parliament tried to legislate for almost every eventuality.

The Criminal Justice Act has replaced common-sense discretion of judges, which is based on simple principles everyone understands, with a minefield of rules and regulations. In so doing it has damaged the interests not just of the press but of the public at large.

tragedies.

Yours faithfully

ANDREW WATTS,

64 Station Lane, Hornchurch, Essex

The Institute of Plumbing,

The effects of bad gas and lose their lives through the actions electrical work are self-evident of incompetent operators who Control of tradesmen and occasionally dramatic. Faulty-From the Chief Executive and plumbing is not always detectable, Secretary of the Institute but drinking contaminated water and inhaling drain gases can be no of Plumbing Sir, What the public urgently less serious. Naturally, doctors rarely if ever associate sickness needs for tradesmen (leading article, January 31; letters, February 5) is the means of adequately

with bad plumbing! How many more people must needlessly be made ill and perhaps

Truant fathers

From Lord Aberconway
Sir, His Honour Judge Lyall Wilkes (February 1) correctly points out the relative ineffectiveness of the system for the attachment of wages of a "truant" father. As a magistrate I often had the experience of hearing that, after the cumbersome procedure of attachment has been completed and the employer has been instructed to attach part of a man's pay, the man promptly changes his job, thwarting the order and necessitating a repetition of the

procedure. This shortcoming of the system

Yours faithfully,
ABERCONWAY,

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come if the income tax form, showing a man's earnings and tax deducted in the year, which has to be given by an employer to a leaving employee and which the latter has to give to his new employer, could have a space in which a tick would denote an muschment order.

prey on an unsuspecting public? People need protection to avoid the need to seek justice after such

The employer would be under an obligation, when an employee leaves, to note by a tick that such an order had been made, and attach to the form the original order or a copy of it; the new employer would have to put this order into effect.

in practice could easily be over- 40 Lowndes Street, SW1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Suggestions for right sentences From his Honour Peter

Mason, QC Sir, Whether or not a Sentencing Council is established, as Vivien Stern (February 5) suggests, would it not be helpful if counsel for the prosecution were permitted to suggest to the court what, in their view, the right sentence would be?

Now that prosecutions are con-ducted independently of the police, I cannot see any juridical objection to this. Judges and magistrates would not be bound to accept sentencing submissions made by the Crown, but such submissions might be helpful in achieving general consistency.

A further benefit would be that judges and megistrates would be given help in finding a safe path through various legislative mine-fields, in particular that which they tread when sentencing young offinders. Yours faithfully

PETER MASON, Lane Cottage, Amberley, Near Stroud, Gloncestershire, February 6.

Legal language

From Mr C. N. Beattie, QC Sir, In my last case before the House of Lords, being sick of humility, I boldly omitted from my pentition the "humble" and "your petitioner will ever pray". The skies did not fall; the case went forward with no objections from anyone.

It seems that Mr Christopher Hart's suggestion (January 29) that the humble language is mandatory is not correct. It is in the hands of the legal profession to drop humility if it wishes to do so.

At the same time we must not lose the dignity of such legal language as upholds the majesty of the law, such as references by one counsel to another as "my learned

Yours faithfully CHARLES BEATTIE 27 Old Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, WC2. January 29,

From Mr N. R. MacNicol Sir, The very fact that a person has to petition the House of Lords indicates that the matter has already been considered in depth by judges who have ruled that the applicant does not have the rights claimed. He can hardly be said, therefore, to be "exercising his rights" (Mr Hart's letter, January 29); rather, he is asking some of the most distinguished and powerful news of the realm to intermeful peers of the realm to intervene on his behalf and grant him rights which he does not possess. It is quite possible that they will refuse.

I would have thought that a modicum of servility was expedieat in such cases. The archance language serves to cloak this hard fact from the "bolshie" client, or solicitor. However, if Mr Hart is right, counsel should stop using expressions such as "May it please your Lordships" and say, "Now look here, you lot".

Yours faithfully,

N. R. MacNICOL. N. R. MacNICOL,

9 Church Lane, Greetham, Oakham, Leicestershire.

Tree management From Mr Graeme H. Bell

Sir, Once again we wring our hands at the loss of so many trees following a storm. Why should we be so surprised? Many of these trees were well past maturity and should have been felled for useful timber years ago. All trees have a "best before" date and we would do well to respect that. The stately beech in the Chilterns and the leafy planes in our town streets need management, not preservation until they drop.

We selfishly protect the trees outside our own gardens, regardless of species, age, or condition, to maintain our own pleasant out-look. Instead, we should be ac-tively encouraging felling mature trees and replanting with appro-priate species. If we had followed that course 10 years ago, then our successors would have much more to thank us for and some good people who were killed by falling trees last week might still be with

Yours faithfully. GRAEME BELL 1 Dognell Green, Welwyn Garden City, February 1.

From Mr G. C. Bond Sir, January 22 was St Vincent's Day - here, at least, with clear blue, sunny skies:

Remember on St Vincent's Day,
If that the sun his beams display,
For tis a token, bright and clear,
Of prosperous weather all the

January 25 was the Feast of the

Conversion of St Paul, with great winds and rain: If the day of St Paul prove clear,
Then shall betied a happy year.
If it chance to snow or rain
Then shall be dear all kind of

But if high winds shall be aloft,
Wars shall ver this realm full oft.
And if thick mists make dark the sky
Both beasts and fivels this year attall die

The quotations are from the Perpetual Abmanack, used in Eizabethan and Stuart times. Can any of your readers explain how our ancestors would have dealt with this apparent contradiction in weather forecasting when they were not able to blame the greenhouse effect? Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY C. BOND, Old Forge House, Boat Lane, Hoveringham, Nottingham.

Deaths after ambulance delays

From Mr Denis Howell, MP for Birmingham, Small Heath

Birmingham, Small Heath (Labour) Sir, The distressing case of the death of Mr Billy Best (report, February 6) and the belief of his wife that serious delays on the part of the ambulance service in responding to repeated emergency calls were a contributory factor raise matters of great concern.
These can only be pursued by
means of an inquest and Mrs Best
should report the matter to the appropriate coroner for investiga-

This is a subject which I have been pursuing since consultants in Birmingham stated on television about three weeks ago that they certainly knew of other cases where deaths could be autobated to a delayed response of the ambulance service. In response to my enquiries, the City of Birmingham coroner informed me that he was very mindful of those dangers and he would certainly make enquiries and, if required, conduct an inquest into the cause of such a death if matters were reported to him, but no such

cases had been so reported as yet. On January 30 the Minister of State at the Home Office, Mr Peter Lloyd, in a written response to a question which I had tabled,

asking how many inquests had been held into deaths which might have been accelerated by reason of delay in response of the ambulance service or by the attendance of ambulances not carrying adequate resuscitation equipment,

replied to the effect that "no information is collected centrally from which such cases could be The minister also confirmed

that "there is an obligation at common law to report to the coroner any violent or unnatural death, or sudden death, the cause of which is unknown". Regretably he went on to add that he had no evidence that this obligation is being neglected and therefore "we see no need for special steps to remind members of the public about it".

Since such statements are being made in the media with increasing frequency, one must regret that the politics of an emotional dispute seems to be clouding the judgements of ministers. It is of vital importance that where the cause of death of any citizen is other than by natural causes the facts should be reported to a coroner for proper investigation. Yours sincerch

DENIS HOWELL House of Commons.

Shades of blue

From Mr Praveen Moman Sir, Your editorial on Conservative MEPs (January 24) dis-regards the legal and political reality of the Community today. It is not, as you imply, a matter of pooling sovereignty at some future date. The Treaty of Rome, the Single European Act, and the European Communities Act, together with individual legal measures, have already pooled sovereignty in a number of political and economic areas, in which Community law takes precedence

Future policy has to be based on the existing legal framework: In addition, we have to recognise the overwhelming consensus among the major political parties in other member states to further strengthen Community cooperation. The political changes in Eastern Europe have reinforced, in their view, the political role of the Community.

Too often in Britain the debate tends to concentrate on how to minimise existing Community policies; in other member states the focus is on further areas that the Community can embrace usefully to complement existing poli-cies. Successive British MEPs and commissioners; in trying to dis-charge their respective roles, have had to take cognisance of both these positions.

In wishing to become effective ery they have not, however, given up their national responsibilities. On the contrary, they have per-haps understood better than many

Science 'brain drain' From Dr J. Stephen Clark Sir, Last July, in a letter addressed

to the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Prinor vice-chancehors and rin-cipals, Mr Robert Jackson, the minister in charge of acience, challenged British universities to provide evidence that the "brain drain" actually exists.

This week, British Scientists Abroad, an organisation formed to draw attention to the extent of the brain drain, is providing the Government require — a petition, signed by over 1,600 scientists who are working abroad in academia or industry, that states categorically that the signatories are working overseas as a result of the poor conditions that scientists experience in Britain.

It is time Mr Jackson and the Government stopped issuing chal-lenges and started to monitor carefully the emigration of scientists and engineers.
Yours faithfully,
J. STEPHEN CLARK (Research Fellow), Harvard University, Department of Chemistry, 12 Oxford Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138, USA. February 2.

Top-up for unleaded From Mr J. C. S. Blevins

Sir, I read with interest Kevin Eason's article (Motoring, January 26) and agree with his suggestion that the campaign for unleaded fuel needs a top-up.

I have been running my car on unleaded fuel for the past two years and have observed that when fuelled by super unleaded or four star the car travels approximately 20 per cent and 30 per cent respectively further than when fuelled by unleaded. This experience is at variance with your

If my experience is typical, as the current differential in price is approximately 5 per cent and represents a cost penalty against those using unleaded, perhaps the Government could consider adjusting the price of fuel in the Budget to reflect these facts.

If, whilst implementing this, they were to keep the price of super unleaded stationary, reduce the price of unleaded as proposed, and increase the price of four star by 5 per cent more than the adjustment required to equate the facts, a blow could be struck for the environment and against inflation, which might provide Kevin Eason's top-up.
Yours faithfully,

J. C. S. BLEVINS. 7 Commont Road, SE5. January 29.

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national politicians that their conntry's interests can only be

protected by participating in the de facto coalition politics of the Community. It is ludicrous to claim that only Euro-mystics who unthinkingly accept all European initiatives wish to become MEPs. MEPs have probably as varied a background as MPs and often distinct views on different policies; nor are different selection procedures necessary.

More pliant MEPs would not solve the central dilemma of having a constructive debate based on reality rather than wishful thinking and ignorance.
Yours faithfully,

PRAVEEN MOMAN, 27 Cadogan Square, SW1.

From Mr Bryan Cassidy, MEP for Dorset East & Hampshire West (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Robin Oakley, your Political Editor, in his report (January 27) on the meeting between Tory MEPs and the Prime Minister appears to have made the com-mon error of assuming that all Conservative MEPs think exactly alike. We don't, any more than all Tory MPs think alike.

It is certainly not true to give the impression that all Conservative MEPs are "federalists". Some undoubtedly are; others are very close to the views expressed by the Prime Minister in her Bruses speech. Yours faithfully, BRYAN CASSIDY,

European Parliament, 97-113 rue Belliard, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium, January 29.

'Lost' Kipling play

From Mrs G. H. Newsom Sir, Rudyard Kipling's one-act play, The Harbour Watch, cannot be said to have been lost (report, January 29). The play was never published, but the eminent bibliographer, Flora V. Livingston, has recorded that a typewritten copy of it was deposited for copyright at the Library of Congress in April, 1913, and that there was "a similar copy in the British Museum". She also says, that the play was produced at the Royalty Theatre on September 15, 1913, and again in London in 1920.

Further, there have been typescript copies of the play in the library of the Kipling Society for many years. They include the names of the cast and producer of the 1913 production.

It is doubtful that Kipling was the sole author, since his daughter, Elsie, claimed (in the epilogue to Charles Carrington's biography of Kipling) that she and her father together wrote the play. She must then have been about 16. Yours faithfully M. A. NEWSOM (Honorary Librarian), The Kipling Society.

18 Northumberland Avenue, WC2.

Mind over matter

From Mr D. T. Lloyd Sir, Philip Howard's reference (Jamary 30) to a "Fijian woman" who took 34 years to complete crossword No. 673 was not to an ethnic Fijian, but to the expatriate wife of a colonial Civil Servant stationed in Fiji at the time.

Your edition of April 4, 1932, arrived in Fiji as part of the wrapping of a parcel containing a much-loved possession which had lain in the loft of a house in Suffolk for decades. In spite of its age and rough treatment it was perfectly readable.

Crossword 673 had been partly solved by a reader on a cold, bleak, spring day in Suffolk. It was completed by her daughter and son-in-law 34 years later over a cool, pre-dinner drink on a hot, humid evening in Suva.

Incidentally, the "Fiji woman's" sister and your corres-pondent find The Times crossword a stimulating after-supper diversion — but with separate copies of the paper. As the husband of the "Fiji woman" I remain, Sir, yours truly, D. T. LLOYD,

Cotsdale, Rags Lane, Woolpit, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -

MPs' secretaries paid by results

From Miss Beryl M. Goldsmith Sir, Geraldine Bedell (Friday Page, February 2) sadly omits the essence of a personal secretary's real contribution to the work of a serious member of Parliament. Because no two secretaries do precisely the same job, one in-evitably speaks from personal experience. Some secretaries in the House are political assistants every bit as much as being a "secretary". They will certainly be amongst the highest paid.

A member surely rewards his staff according to the input di-rectly relating to his own workload and the standard of efficiency with which his work is handled. Drafting replies to correspondence, researching for articles and speeches, taking initiatives at all levels, organizing the diary, handling telephone calls from often desperate constituents, knowing one's way round the local authority as well as Parliament and

Whitehall are essential. One is a loyal partner in a heavily political and non-political work of an MP. Thus, not all members' secretaries and personal assistants are "poorly paid".

Three different offers of salary are reported to have been made by Simon Hughes, Chris Smith, and Ian Gilmour, but all three receive exactly the same parliamentary allowance and all three are equally entitled to allocate that resource as

they wish, That is, though, no basis what-soever for seeking salary struc-tures or scales, or for introducing pseudo-trade union negotiating techniques. Many of us would not tolerate being nannied, since we are perfectly capable of negotiating our own salaries and in dealing with our own business affairs on a one-to-one basis.
Yours faithfully,

BERYL M. GOLDSMITH, House of Commons.

Aggressive dogs From Detective Chief Inspector

Robert Denmark Sir, Stressing the dangerous and aggressive nature of certain breeds of dog (letters, February 1) may actually increase their attractiveness to the type of person least suited to be in charge of them. Perhaps a Government "public safety" advertising campaign might be a good idea, pointing out that parading through areas of public recreation with a ferociousooking animal invariably straining at the leash simply draws attention to an inadequate personality in the handler rather than

compensating for it. Times readers who resent this anon snould dernads ex ine closely their own reasons for wanting, or needing, to possess animals which many others see as threatening. Yours faithfully

ROBERT DENMARK, The Coach House, Greenbank, Dolphinholme, Lancaster.

From Miss Pamela Singleton Sir, I wholeheartedly agree with Peter Bowness (February 1) on the need to legislate for the control of Rottweiler dogs. However, there are many putalls in legislating against dangerous dogs in them-actives, for example, evasion of injunctions against a specific breed by cross-breeding.

The way forward would seem to be the licensing of individual owners rather than the dogs themselves. This type of legisla-tion is already established for the control of other potentially dangerous possessions such as cars. guns, knives etc. The problem is of enforcement and financing such

I remain, Sir, your humble servant, PAMELA SINGLETON, CitiVet (Veterinary Surgeons), 249/251 Mile End Road, El. February 1.

A knotty question

From Mr C. H. Rolph Sir, People are always saying that women don't have an Adam's apple. Now Mr John Taylor, the editor of British Style, says it again (January 27). The tie, like the cravat, he says, "is designed to hide from public disapprobation the Adam's apple", and he adds that women escape this shameful necessity by simply not having

Of course they've got one. Like mine and his it's a bit of the thyroid cartilage on the larynx at the front of the neck, smaller and less conspicuous than ours (as a rule) because a woman's larynx is designed to produce a higher note, a bit more like a piccolo. It's there all the time, and it, too, goes up and down.

We've all got that guilty bit of apple. The difference was the very beginning of artfulness and feminine deceit.

C. H. ROLPH. 33 Hitherwood, Cranleigh, Surrey.

Point of order From Mr David Edward

Sir, The House of Commons has been "all-scater" for some time now. To the best of my knowledge this has resulted in no improvement in crowd behaviour whatso-EVO.

Yours etc. DAVID EDWARD. 45 Montpelier Grove, Kentish Town, NW5. February 1.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 7: The Princess Royal this afternoon received the Ambassador of the Republic of

Ambassador of the Republic of Mali (His Excellency Monsieur Lamine Keita).

In the evening Her Royal Highness, Commandant-in-Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, gave a Reception for Grand Prior Cadets at

tion for Grand Prior Cadets at Huckingham Palace. The Princess Royal, Patron, College of Occupational Thera-pists, afterwards attended a Reception and Concert in aid of the College at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, London

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in

KENSINGTON PALACE

February 7: The Prince of Wales received Mr David Mellor, MP (Minister of State, Home Office) at St James's Palace.

Subsequently His Royal Highness, Chancellor, University of Wales, received the Lord Cledwyn of Penrhoa at St James's Palace.

Afterwards The Prince of Wales received the Lord Callaghan of Cardiff at St James's Palace.

han of Cardiff at St James's attendance.
The Duchess of Kent, as Palace.
His Royal Highness this afternoon received Monsieur Georges Berthouin of the Trilateral Commission at St James's

Palace.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Natural History Museum,

opened the Museum's Activity Centre, Cromwell Road, SW7. Viscountess Campden and Lieutenant Commander Patrick Jephson, RN, were in

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, dent, The Princes of accompanied by The Princess of Wales, attended a charity premiere of the film Steel Magnolias in aid of the Trust at the Odeon Cinema, Leicester Hospitals.

Square, London WC2.

Mrs Max Pike, Commander
Alistair Watson, RN and Mr
Richard Arbiter were in KENSINGTON PALACE February 7: The Duke of Gloucester, President, British

Consultants Bureau, this morning opened the Disaster Relief and Mitigation Conference at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference SWI ference Centre, London, SW1. Major Nicholas Barne was in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE February 7: The Duke of Kent this evening attended the annual Biological Research Association at the Royal College of Phy-sicians, St Andrew's Place, London IWI. Mr Andrew Palmer was in

Patron, today attended a plan-ning meeting for the Inter-national Social Service of Great Britain's Spring Fair 1990, at Lancaster House, London SW1. Mrs Alam Henderson was in

Dinners

HM Government The Hon Douglas Hurd, Sec-retary of State for Foreign and retary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hurd were hosts last night at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of M René Felber, Federal Councillor for Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, and Mme Felber.

Foundation for Science and

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, pre-sided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. The Archbishop of York and Dr Anne McLaren

Sir John Sonne's Manne Lord and Lady Blakenham gave a private dinner party at the museum on Thursday, February 1, 1990, to thank MEPC plc for

the restoration of the fabric of the museum which the Office of Arts and Libraries has agreed to match over the next five years.



The Rt Hon Cecil Parkinson, MP, Secretary of State for Transport, was guest of honour at the Bus & Coach Council's Annual Dinner held last night at the New Connaught Rooms. Mr

Parkinson proposed the health of Bus & Coach Council. The

The Rt Hon Lord Shepherd, Lord Tevlot, Lord Erra, Sir Marcus Fox. Mr. Mr. Cardinama, Mr. Mr. Siron Coomiss, Mp. Mr. Peter Fry, Mp. Mr. Roy Hughes, Mp. Mr. Cary Waller, Mp. Air Vice-Marsinal R. Ashford, CBE, Mai Con V.H.J. Carpenter, Ch. and Mr. A. Berryn Post.

Mr Alastair Forsyth, Chairman of the Anglo-Venezucian Society, and Dr Gustavo Marturet were hosts at a dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel. The Venezuelan Ambassador, Lord Shackleton, Mr John Swing-lehurst, Mr Merrick Baker-Bates and Mrs Jocelyn Henriques de King were among those present.

Baroness White was host at a dinner held last night at the Royal Commonwealth Society to mark the retirement of Mr Trevor Luckouck as Secretary and Parliamentary Adviser to the British Waterways Board.

Among those present were:
Sir Frederick Corfield, QC. Sir Traver
Hosies, Sir Frank Price, Ar Sant
Bean, Mr Imod Harringson, Ar Carth
Jenkins, Charles Winnish Mr Michael
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Harry Cartiton, Mr Poler Like, Mr
David McCance and Mr R H Tookey.

Inter-Perliamentary Union Mr Michael Marshall, MP, Chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentar Jnion, was host at a dinner held last night at the Royal Garden Hotel in honour of a par-liamentary delegation from the Soviet Union led by Mr Vadim Medvedev.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Burton, scholar, Lindley, Leicestershire 1577; Samuel Butler, poet, author of Hudibras, baptized at Strensham. Worcestershire, 1612; Daniel Bernoulli, math-ematician, Groningen, matician, Groningen, TheNetherlands, 1700; John Ruskin, London, 1819; Henry Walter Bates, naturalist and explorer, Leicester, 1825; Jules Verne, novelist, Nantes, 1828; Dmitri Mendeleyev, chemist, Tobolsk, Russia, 1834; Martin Buber, philosopher. Vienna. Buber, philosopher, Vienna, 1878; Dame Edith Evans, ac-tress, London, 1888; James tress, London, 1888; James Dean, film actor, Marian, In-

DEATHS: Mary Queen of Scots, executed, Fotheringay Castle, Northamptonshire, 1587; Peter the Great, tsar and emperor of Russia 1682-1725, Leningrad, 1725; Aaron Hall, poet and dramatist, London, 1750; Robert Southwell Bourke, 6th Earl of Mayo, viceroy of India 1869-72, assassinated, Port Blair, Andaman Islands, 1872; R. M. Ballatyne, novelist, Rome, 1894: Peter Kropotkin, geog-rapher and anarchist, Dmitrov, Russia, 1921; William Bateson, biologist and geneticist, Merton

Rioting and looting after a peaceful demonstration of the unemployed in London, 1886.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Professor Robin Weiss to be Research's Chester Beatty Lab-oratories, London. head of the Institute of Ca

Mr John P. Wells to be a member of the Council of the Advertising Standards

Mr Michael Holroyd to be Chairman of the Stracey Trust, in succession to the late Miss Lucy Norton.

Greenacre School

Sir James Black, Nobel Laure ate, Head of the Department of Analytical Pharmacology at King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry, was the guest of bonour at the annual Presentation of Certificates: ceremony at Greenacre Schoo ceremony at Greenacre School for Girls, Banstead. The subject of Sir James's address was "Women in Science". The Chairman of Governors, Professor H.J.V. Tyrrell and the Headmistress. Miss M.E. Haggerty, presided at the ceremony.

Latest wills

Rear Admiral Charles Kerr Thornycroft Wheen, of Chobham, Surrey, Flag Officer Admiralty Interview Board, left estate valued at £430,219 net. Mrs Gillian Mangali, of Chieveley, Berkshire, left estate valued at £1,056,044 net. She relatives.

Mr Michael Anthony Usick, of London NW8, left estate valued at £1,143,088 net. Mr Clement Arthur Holland, of

Pedn Moran, St Mawes, Cornwall, left estate valued at £1.025,954 net. Mr Patrick Hugh Bisset Taylor, of Diss, Norfolk, left estate valued at £2,237,865 net. He left

his estate mostly to relatives. Mr Edward Augustus Whittles, of London E4, left estate valued at £2,830,117 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

Luncheons Royal Institute of Public Health

and Hygiene
Dr H.E.A. Carson, Chairman of
the Council of the Royal Institute of Public Health and
Hygiene, presented Dr Ambrose J. King, consulting venereologist to the London Hospital, with the Harben Gold Medal, at a luncheon held yesterday at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne. Rotary Club of London

The Hungarian Ambassador was introduced by Sir Sigmund was introduced by Sir Sigmund Sternberg and inducted by Mr Alan Dunlop, President of the Rotary Club of London, as a rotarian at a luncheon held yesterday at the Cafe Royal. Mr David Crampsey was the guest speaker. Among others present

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The Ambassadors of Laboraticours,
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Micray, Mr Nevrose Shubsen, Mr Ros
Boll, Mr Evins Sambass and Mr John

Reception

College of Occupational

The Princess Royal, Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, was the guest of honour at an evening reception and concert held last night at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, in aid of the college's Disability Information and Study Centre Appeal. Lord Ennals, president was among those present.

Sir Antony Part

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Antony Part, GCE, MBE, will be held at noon, on Thursday, February 22, 1990, in St Margaret's Church,

PROFESSOR COLIN ADAMS

Increasing our understanding of multiple sclerosis

Professor Colin Adams, the experimental pathologist, died at his home in Tiptree, Essex, on January 30, aged 61. He was, until his retirement 18 months ago, Sir William Dunn Professor of Pathology at the United Medical Schools of Guy's and St Thomas's Adams was responsible for developing a number of im-portant methods for identifying lipids in tissues and was a pioneer in the application of histochemical techniques to the study of arterial and nervous diseases, making notable contributions to our understanding of atheroma (fatty degeneration of the

Colin Wallace Maitland Adams was born on February 17, 1928, the son of an architect. He was educated at Oundle and Christ's College, Cambridge, graduating in medicine at The London Hospital in 1956. He was appointed to a research fellowship in pathology in 1956, like many others of his generation coming under the influence of the formidable Dorothy Russell, He began his research career working on the endocrine system, publishing papers on the identification of cell types in the pituitary gland using histochemical methods,

walls of large arteries) and of

multiple sclerosis.

He moved on to the pathology department at Guy's Hos-pital Medical School in 1958 genesis of atheroma, studying as a Lecturer and was ap-pointed Reader in 1963. At and other blood components Guy's he established a lab- diffused into and accumulated

Lieutenant-Colonel Geoffrey Wheeler, CBE, CIE, who died

on February 1 at the age of 92,

was an authority on the recent history and condition of the

five republics of Soviet Cen-

tral Asia and an intelligence

It was in 1953 that Wheeler

founded the Central Asian

Research Centre, which he directed until 1968, and also

started up and edited the Central Asian Review. His aim

with the Centre, which was concerned with the south-western Muslim borderlands

of the USSR, was to examine

the Soviet press on the region

systematically for the first

time and, without resorting to

any clandestine sources, to show how much reliable

information could be obtained

This work was associated

with St Antony's College,

Oxford, which made him a

Senior Associate. He also

collaborated with the Univer-

sity of Durham, which in 1955

gave him an honorary MA

In his work Wheeler set a

new and very high standard of

objectivity in the assessment

of Soviet achievements. Him-

self a master of both, he never

allowed intelligence to be tral Asia. He returned to India

in this way. He was remark-

ably successful.

officer of distinction.



LIEUT-COL GEOFFREY WHEELER

Shrewd reader of the Soviet Central Asian scene

contaminated by propaganda, in 1931 and served in Balu-Much as he disliked the Soviet chistan and in the United

of the histochemistry of lipids

regime, he did not forget that

the authorities in Moscow had

only limited options in confronting intractable prob-

lems. He regularly acknowl-

edged that some real benefits

had accrued to the peoples of

Geoffrey Edleston Wheeler

was born on June 22, 1897, the son of an infantry officer. He

was educated at Eastbourne

College and was commissioned in the Queens West

Surrey Regiment in 1915. He

saw 18 months' active service

in France and Belgium and

In 1918 he was transferred

to the Indian Army. He was to

spend only about four years with Indian troops, first with the 6th Gurkha Rifles, later

with the 7th Rajput Regiment;

most of his army career was

passed in specialized staff

From 1919 to 1925 he held

General Staff (Intelligence)

posts in Turkey, Malta and

In 1926 he became military

attache at Mashhad in Iran. a

post of great sensitivity because of the confused pol-

itical situation in Soviet Cen-

was severely wounded.

Central Asia under Soviet

rule.

the way in which cholesterol

tissue damage. He published in the blood vessels and the an influential book on vascular histochemistry and was for many years the editor of the journal, Atherosclerosis, and a council member of the International Atheroscierosis

contributions to neuropathology, devising methods for identifying and localizing cerebral lipids and investigating the breakdown of the myelin sheath in multiple sclerosis.

OBITUARIES

After a spell in the United States as a visiting research worker at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, he returned to London and in 1965 was appointed to the Chair of Pathology at Guy's Hospital Medical School.

Following on the pattern established by his predecessor, Payling Wright, he continued the strong departmental emphasis on experimental pathology. He reorganized the teaching of pathology at Guy's and when the School merged with St Thomas's in the United Medical and Dental Schools, he played a leading role in planning the new unified department and

Taking early retirement in 1987 he continued his research into the pathology of multiple sclerosis at Runwell Hospital, investigating the hypothesis that the disease is initiated by damage to the small vessels of the white matter. His most recent publication was a finely illustrated atlas of the demyelinat-

Outside medicine, Adams was an expert on porcelain and had the knack of spotting a Ming vase in the most unlikely places. Where por-He also made significant was of professional standard.

linguist. He had qualified as a

first-class interpreter in

French, Russian, Turkish, Persian, Urdu and Hindi, and

also had a qualification in

est quality. But he was always helpful to his colleagues, out-

spoken to his superiors, and

considerate and loyal to his

several literatures, fond of

and drink, he was excellent company. His conversation

was enlivened by a huge

repertoire of anecdotes of

bureaucratic idiocy, which he

would retell with sardonic

followed developments in the

Central Asian region with

on them with unrivalled

knowledge and acumen. It is

sad that Wheeler's unique

expertise should be lost when

would have been more

He was appointed CIE in

In 1927 he married Irena

Bulatova, who died in 1973,

and is survived by one son,

Colonel Nicholas Wheeler.

fascination and comm

valuable than ever.

1943 and CBE in 1948.

Well read in history and

Tolerance was not his great-

Provinces until 1935, when he

was again posted to General Staff (Intelligence) at Army

In 1940 Wheeler was sec-

onded to the External Affairs

Department of the then Government of India where he

organized and directed a for-

eign propaganda division of considerable efficacy. In 1946 the Foreign Office

asked for his services at the

was in auccession Press Coun-

sellor and Oriental Coun-

sellor. In 1950 he returned to

England and spent three years

working for the Foreign

Soviet Muslim Asia (1962).

The Modern History of Soviet

Central Asia (1964), and The

Peoples of Soviet Central Asia

In 1923 he joined what was then the Royal Central Asian

Society (now the Royal Soci-

ety for Asian Affairs). He

served on the editorial board

of its journal - to which he

often contributed articles and reviews — and in 1967 the

Society awarded him the Sir

Wheeler was a remarkable

Percy Sykes Medal.

(1966).

Wheeler was author of three

embassy in Tehran, where he music, appreciative of food

Headquarters.

DON WELSH

England footballer who managed Liverpool

aged 78.

Born in Manchester on Torquay United before becoming Charlton's record pre-war signing for £3,250 early in 1935 to help maintain the club's challenge for promotion from the Third Division (South).

His arrival coincided with the most successful spell in the club's history. The Third Di-vision was duly won, and a year later Chariton were promoted to the First Division, finishing second in their first

Welsh's contribution as a forceful wing-half with an eye for goals, attracted the attention of the England selectors. He won three caps, the last against Romania, and several selections as a reserve, before war broke out and in the days before substitutes. He made several appearances in wartime internationals. He returned to Charlton

Don Welsh, the Charlton and after serving in the Army, moving forward to inside left and captaining the team which Liverpool, died on February 2, won the cup in 1947, their second successive final.

The following season he was February 25, 1911, Welsh began his football career with began his football career with leased him.

During the war Welsh had made a number of guest appearances for Liverpool and in 1951 he was invited to take over there as manager. The appointment was not a success. The excellent 'Forties team were growing old together and for a time had been run by the directors. Liverpool were entering the least successful spell in their his-

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Weish was unable to stop the rot Liverpool were relegated to the Second Division in 1954. Welsh remained as mager for two more seasons, but when it became apparent that the promotion bid had faltered again in 1956, he resigned.

At the end of the 'Fifties he managed Bournemouth for

Scotland.

ALEX RUSSELL Successful northern jockey

Alex ("Alec") Russell, one of Lamorlaye, and rode his first the most popular northern jockeys of the post-war era on the Flat has died aged 71.

The highlight of his career, which lasted nearly 40 years, occurted in 1957 when he rode ail six winners on the card at the now-closed Scottish

course at Bogside.

In that same season, the best horse he ever rode, the grey, Quorum, finished second in the Two Thousand Guineas, losing by only half a length to the subsequent champion, Crepello. Russell, on his firstever ride at Newmarket, also triumphed on this first-rate well as in the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot, and the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood. unobtrusively stylish horsemanship and particu-larly sensitive handling of

Alexander John Russell was born in Middlesbrough on March 27, 1918. He had an

ers, partly because he could ride consistently at just under miler in the Free Handicap, as eight stone, but also for his

two-year-olds. His best season

Following demobilization, he rode for two more seasons

in France before he returned

to England and established his

reputation in the North and in

Russell became first jockey to Colonel Lyde at Middleham, and on Lyde's

retirement, to Jack Ormston

at Richmond, Yorkshire. He

was, however, much sought

after by other Northern train-

was in 1957 when he rode 60 winners. unusual apprenticeship, going He leaves a to France to J. Torterolo at and three sons. He leaves a widow, Joan,

AIR CDRE RICHARD KELLETT

Air Vice-Marskal G. P. Fergus Barratt, landed on the Chamberlain writes:

ary (January 20) on the above. could approach Barratt's I knew him well as we entered DH9A from its nose without Cranwell as Flight Cadets in being fired at. Barratt's air September 1923 and gradu-gunner held them off while

May I offer one correction to the obituary? When Richard Kellett was shot down in 1937 for his first time he had been detailed to fly with no one in the rear seat of his DH9A; his role was "rescue aircraft" - he was expected to pick up any crew shot down. Ironically RK was the one shot down by gunfire from ground-based Iraqi "rebels". RK's Flight Commander, yesterday.

desert to pick up RK. Congratulations on the obitu- The Iraqis discovered they

ated with Wings as Pilot RK hoisted its tail around.
Officers in July 1925.

Barrart m-started his DHS Barrart re-started his DH9A

and took off with his air gunner and RK in the back

In due course Barratt re-ceived a DSO for this effort.

Correction

John Merivale appeared in The Reluctant Debutante in 1955 not 1935, as stated in the caption to our photograph

Birthdays

today Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, TH, first Prime Minister of Malaysia, 87; Lord Cameron, 90; Professor Averil Cameron, ancient historian, 50; Mr Osian Ellis, harpist, 62; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, royal equerry, 77; Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, 77; Mr Harman Grisewood, former chief assistant to the director-general, BBC, 84; Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, 75.

Lady (Geoffrey) Howe, former deputy chairman, Equal Opportunities Commission, 58; Lord Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi. 69; Mrs Diana Ladas, former headmistress of Heathfield School, 77; Professor Ann Lambion, former professor of Persian, 78; Mr Murray Lawrence, chairman, Lloyd's, 55; Mr Jack Lemmon, actor, 65; Sir Kenneth, Maddocks Kenneth Maddocks, former governor. Fiji, 83; Lord O'Brien of Lothbury. 82; Lord Rayne, 72; Lord Revelstoke, 79; Sir Pichard South 16 72; Lord Revelstoke, 79; Su Richard Southern, former presi-dent. St John's College, Oxford, Tudor, 78; the Rev Dr John Tudor, superintendent minister, West-minster Central Hall, 60.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Princess Royal will attend a reception at St James's Palace at 7.00 to mark 150th anniversary of Grand Military Race Committee. The Princess of Wales, as Patron

of Turning Point, will visit the charity's Hungerford Drug Project at 32a Wardour Street at 10.15. The Princess Royal, as Presi-

dent of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit UBU Hats, 52e Belsize Park Gardens, NW3, at 9.45; IFM Hexfax, 30 Liddell Road, NW6, at 2.15; and M. Waldman, Hampstead West, 224 Iverson Road, NW6, at 3.15. Later, as Commandant-in-Chief of the St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will attend the annual banquet of the Angio Mauritian Association at Guildhall at 7,45, Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Kennel Club.

rill attend Cruft's at Earl's

Court at 11.00.

Serth. Sharp & Dollar C180.000 to Drs R.I. Russell & S.D. C180.000 to Drs R.J. Russell & S.D.

University news

Elections
ALL SOULS COLLEGE
Post-doctoral research
train October 1: Simon C
Swain. MA. DPhil for
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Queen Mary. London. Glasgow In the months September to

December, research grants and contracts totalling nearly as compared with the same period last year - were reported to the University Court. Major

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Scortish Home & Health Department.
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DA Gough (Social Paediatric and
Osbettic Research Unit) is shady
services for families with children
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to be conferred on Liz Lochead, writer-in-residence with the Royal Shakespeare Company,

has been appointed to the chair of psychology at University College London from October 1.

w Lewis, Lord Licutenant of Essex; Sir Andrew Stark, prochancellor, Mr Brian Hanrahan the University of Notre Dame,

Mr J.A.C. Drake and Miss L.M. Kennard

Aberdeen The honorary degree of DLitt is

Dr Tim Shallice, of the Medical Research Council applied psychology unit at Cambridge,

The following will receive honorary degrees this summer: Professor Gerry Brown, Profesor of Theoretical Physics at the sor of Theoretical Physics at the State University of New York (DSc); Mr Tony Gill, Chairman and Chief Executive of Lucas Industries (DEng); Lord MacKay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor (LLD); Dr Patrick Moore, astronomer (DSc); Mr Didymus Mutasa, Speaker of the Zimbabwe House of Assem-bly (LLD); Professor Michael Rutter Professor of Child Psychiatry at London University's Institute of Psychiatry (DSc); Mr Duncan Watson. Chairman of the Royal National Institute for the Blind. (LLD); Dame Rachel Waterhouse. Chairman of the Council of the Consumers' Association. (DSocSc).

Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following: The Gabrieli String Quartet, Professor Anthony Brooker. professor emeritus of computing science; Professot Donald Davie, former professor of literature: Professor Peter Townsend, professor of sociol-ogy, Bristol University; Sir An-BBC reporter, Miss Ruth Rendell author, and Professor Alasdair MacIntyre, McMahon Hank professor of philosophy at

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Forthcoming marriages

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The engagement is announced between John Simon Peter, son of Mr and Mrs R.C. Rolls, of Petworth. West Sussex, and Sarah Henrietta Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs R.T. Whitehead, of Westfield, New Jersey, USA.

Dulwich College

A new register of names and addresses of Old Alleynians is being compiled. Former mem-bers of the College who are not receiving communications from the College are invited to write to the Secretary of the Alleyn Club at the College giving their full names and address and their years at the College for inclusion in this register.

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A society has recently been formed for Old Boys of the school. For further information please contact Mr M.D. Collins. Haileybury Junior School. Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 3RS.

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and Miss E. Davies
The engagement is announced
between Richard, elder son of
Mr and Mrs B. Hawtin, of Wheatley, Oxford, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Davies, of Coffs Harbour, NSW, Australia.

and Miss E. Labes The engagement is announced between Marcel, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Denis Morin, of St. Clement, Jersey, and Educates daughter of Advocate Jacques daughter of Advocate Jacques Clement, Jersey, and Elizabeth, Labesse and the late Mrs Margaret Labesse, of St Lawrence, Jersey.

Mr J.E. Wilson and Miss H.C. Boyle The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs. Fred Wilson, of Mrs. Helensburgh, NSW, Australia, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Boyle, of London.

Memorial service

Mr Bernard Stronger A memorial service for Mr Bernard Stroulger was held yes-terday at the Church of St Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap.
The Rev Dr Gordon Huelin officiated. Mr DJ. Farrier, Clerk of the Basketmakers' Company, read the lesson and Mr C.E. Hipkins gave an address. The Prime Warden and Court of Assistants of the Basketmakers' Company were among those present.

The science report appears in the new science and technology section, pages 33-36.

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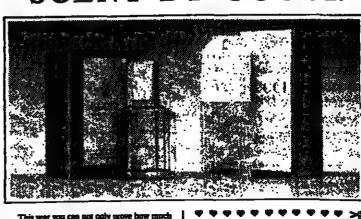
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Benghazi, the capital of Cyrensics, has fallen to the Imperial forces. It was occupied on Thursday, after the Italian defence had been demoralised by a twofold attack, Australian troops pres along the coast and British armoured units cutting the enemy communications from the south. By the capture of Benghazi, General Wavell's Army has completed in two

months the conquest of the whole of Cyrenaica. The final phase — the advance from Derna to Benghari — has been accomplished in the extraordinarily short space of one week. From a Special Correspondent Cairo: A special communiqué issued here at mid-day announced: "Ben-

ghani is in our hands." Details now available show that the capture of Benghazi has been the most brilliant stroke in a completely brilliant campaign. At the eastern end of the Jebel Akhdar, the large, hilly, fertile plateau, the road bisects, one branch running along the coast through Derna and Cyrene to Bengrazi, while the other branches in a southerly direction and runs round the Jebel, through dry, waterless desert, straight across Cyrenaica to Benghazi. From the moment Tobruk fell, part of our armoured division started off on this hard, perilous trip. while the rest went with the infantry

along the coast. Great pains were taken to hide our intentions from the Italians, and for this reason news of the fight between our armoured units, and Italian detechments at Mekili on January 26 were not broadcast. Imperial troops went steadily along the rough, bumpy, sandy road, carrying with them all their food and water. Probably while the main force was taking Cyrene, the armoured units

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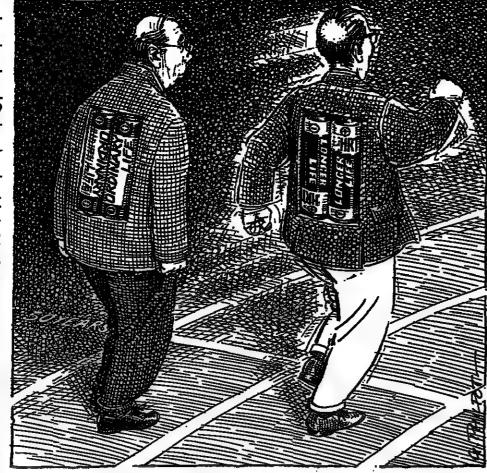
ormone replace-ment therapy for women has become an accepted, if still controversial, medical treatment. But what about HRT for men? Medical orthodoxy has maintained that there is no such thing as a male menopause, and nothing in male physiology to compare with the sudder shutting down of hormonal production in women. Men can produce enough male hormone to father children into extreme old age, whereas women end their child-bearing years at around 50.

But Dr Malcolm Carruthers, who has become well known for his view that vasectomy causes ageing and that stress is the main cause of heart disease, disagrees with the orthodox viewpoint. He believes there is evidence that men have a "viropause" corresponding to the female menopause, and that lack of hormonal production in men can produce exactly the same symptoms that women suffer night sweats, hot flushes, depression, lack of drive (including sex drive), circulatory problems and a feel-ing of being "over the hill".

And just as female hormone replacement can help many women over the menopause, male hormone replacement can help men cope with the physical, mental and emotional problems of mid-life, according to Carruthers.

This week he opened Brit-ain's first private HRT clinic for men. It treats tired, depressed, middle-aged men with the male hormone, testosterone. The idea is to restore the drive and ambition that life seems to have knocked out of them.

In particular, Carruthers says, testosterone can improve blood circulation and, to some extent, halt the ageing process, enabling men to stay young, virile and active for longer. "It is a controversial area," Carruthers says, "but there is research, published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, which indicates that lack of testosterone could he a contributory factor in heart and circulatory problems.



Ageing man or Superman?

Carrothers's interest in male HRT began about 12 years ago when he met Jens Moller, a Danish doctor, who claimed that in his clinic be was achieving remarkable regults by administering testosterone to men with severe diseases of the leg arteries. In some cases, the treatment had even reversed gangrene.

"I went over to see him," Carruthers says, "and learnt that Moller believed stress was a factor in all circulatory diseases. His belief was that extra doses of male hormone could overcome this to some extent, and slow down the ageing process. And we know now that you are only as old as your arteries."

Carrothers admits that his is a lone voice in the British medical profession. At pre-sent, testosterone is given medically to young men only if they are not producing their own. The treatment is available in a limited capacity on the NHS. Apart from this, testosterone is given only to sex-change patients.

"For a long time," Carruthers says, "there was just no good research showing that prolonged stress could substantially reduce the production of the male hormone, and that this lack could cause both mental and physical problems.

ow, he says, re-search carried out Syracuse University, in the United States, has shown that when male tennis players win, they produce an enormous surge of testos-terone, but when they lose,

production goes right down. "Experiments with airline pilots in Argentina have shown that when they are exposed to very loud noises in

aircraft turbine factories, their

halved. It seems that stress of

all kinds can diminish production of male hormone.

Also, he says, testosterone is closely connected to the amount of drive a person has - and not just sex drive. "I have been treating people under severe stress for many years, and usually by the time they come to see me they feel completely burnt out.

"They may have been made redundant or superseded at work, or been through a difficult divorce. Their problems are often made worse by excessive alcohol intake, and they have certainly lost their sex drive. By the beginning of this year, I felt there was enough medical evidence to justify giving male hormone to combat stress and circulatory problems."

Patients attending Car-ruthers's Harley Street clinic are given a battery of biochemical tests, and doses of production of testosterone is male hormone are individually tailored, just as HRT is for women. "My own research is now showing that folliclestimulating hormone, the hallmark of the menopause in women, is also produced in large quantities by middleaged men."

Carrothers believes that the main difference between the menopause and the "viropause" is that with men there is a far wider range of ages. As with female HRT,

administering testosterone is not without problems. Large doses have been associated with liver damage, and there have been reports that some synthetic forms of testosterone can worsen a heart

In Denmark, a number of elderly people given testos-terone in hospital for circulatory problems developed an insatiable sex drive. It also got a bad name a few years ago when certain fringe doctors recommended it as an clixir of youth, along with monkey glands and sheep foetuses.

Gordon Williams, a consul tant urologist at London's Hammersmith Hospital who specializes in treating male impotence, is against the idea. "We would never give testosterone to an impotent man because it increases libido without being able to do anything about performance," he says.

"There is certainly no justification for giving testos-terone for impotence. As for the wider implications, at the moment there is simply no evidence available. The only men being medically treated with testosterone are those who, because of accident or injury, are completely unable to make their own.

"The main problem with giving testosterone long-term is its association with liver damage, Also, it may stimulate a prostate tumour to grow. The incidence of prostate cancer is increasing, particularly among young men."

Williams disputes the evidence of a male menopause. There is no sudden cessation of hormone production as men get older, although there is usually a dramatic falling off in sexual desire and ability to perform, Many men see this as natural and never worry about it at all. And I must say that usually their wives are delighted. I get many men coming to my clinic saying they feel they are not satisfying their wives, but when you talk to the wife, she is usually relieved more than anything else.

"It's true that when a man is under severe stress, the first thing to go will be his sex drive. But there is no clinical evidence to suggest that testosterone can reverse a man's mid-life problems."

Holes in the head MEDICAL world, her expression of

apparent interest may be BRIEFING concealing a splitting headache, for she is perhaps our best-known sufferer from sinusitis,

which is one of the commonest causes of headache and facial pain. Another monarch, King Hussein, has had even more severe problems from sinusitis and has undergone surgery, the Caldwell-Luc operation, in an attempt to overcome it. Were it not for the sinuses - cavities in the bones of the skull our heads would be so heavy that it would be difficult to hold them erect for any length of time without the neck muscles suffering unbearable strain. The saving in weight, and the resonance the sinuses give to the voice, are the advantages of hollow skull bones. But these are bought at a cost, for when the openings (the ostia) to the sinuses become blocked, the cavities fill with fluid which, once infected, causes sinusitis.

Traditionally sinusitis has been treated with antibiotics in the hope that once the inflammation around the ostia is relieved the sinuses will drain. If they do not, the surgeon resorts to sinus washouts, and if these fail to the

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

surgeons started to explore the sinuses through an endoscope, an illuminated tube similar to the arthroscope with which orthopaedic surgeons can peer into joints. The Americans followed, and in 1988 a unit was established at the University College and Middlesex Hospital School of Medicine in London. Sinus endoscopy is now being used for diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the sinuses. Recent research has added to our knowledge of the way in which sinuses drain to the nose down narrow clefts in the ethmoid bone. The pattern of these clefts, the ostiomeatal complex, varies from person to person, and is as intricate and delicate as the

Caldwell-Luc operation

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When operating with an endoscope, usually under local anaesthesia, the surgeon, who needs a detailed knowledge of nasal anatomy, can localize the places in the ostiomeatal complex where the free flow of fluid is obstructed; once this is cleared, inflammation subsides and the mucosa regenerates.

Lip repairs

When Neil Carter was too depressed Ьy О salmonella his laying birds either to tend to the Archers' pigs or to look after his son Christopher, his wife played happily with the boy instead. An everyday story with a difference, for Christopher was born with a hare lip and was rejected by his mother.

Now that the deformity has been repaired, all is forgotten. The Archers reflects the experience of Barry Jones, the plastic surgeon at Great Ormand Street Hospital, who

has found that after repair parental rejection disappears. For this reason, and because early surgery lessens the deformity of the palate, babies at an increasing number of hos-pitals have the operation within a day or two of birth. Given the good results

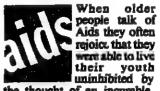
which this regime achieves at only minimal bazard to the child, and without the mother having to be subjected to major surgery, Jones thinks that it is difficult in the present state of medical knowledge to justify in utero cosmetic surgery, even though undertaking such surgery before the 22nd week of pregnancy might ren-der any scar invisible.

Operating so early in pregnancy would carry an appreciable risk of inducing a miscarriage (even amniocentesis increases this risk by 1 per cent), and any damage to the child might be so subtle diseases are confined to the that it would not become

apparent until years later, when a potential Balliol scholar fails the GCSE. The uncertainty of diagnosis makes early surgery difficult, for ultrasound is an inexact science dependent on the skills of the radiologist and the quality of the machine. Furthermore it has not been Jones's experience, as others have claimed, that mothers want an abortion once they know that their child has a hare lip; he has found that they respond to reassurance that it will be repaired a couple of days after birth.

Advances in surgical knowledge may change the balance in the present equation; if a foctoscope could be devised and used with such safety that abortions were not induced. and the mother was saved major surgery, early surgery might become acceptable; conversely, if the growth factors present in the foctus which limit scarring could be isolated, it might be possible to use them after neonatal surgery and thereby prevent even a tiny scar.

Aids and age



the thought of an incurable, sexually transmitted disease; their conversation reinforce the belief of any younger people present that sex and its under-fifties.

Four Glasgow doctors writing in the magazine Geriatric Medicine have reviewed the case histories of elderly patients with Aids, and have shown that, although in Britain the virus predominantly strikes in the 15-50 age group, an appreciable number catch it in their fifties, and even when over 65. In the United States 10 per cent of all cases occur in the over-fifties, and 2.5 per cent were over 60. In Europe the figures are similar, 11 per cent over 50, around 5 per cent over 65. About half of the cases in Britain involving people over 65 were due to homosexual or bisexual activity; around 6 per cent had been caught from casual beterosexual contacts.

Aids is often misdiagnosed in old people. Patients, aware of their sexual activities, may have fears as to the cause of their symptoms, but the Glasgow team has found that doctors make the correct diagnosis late, seldom suspecting it until it is obvious.

In the older age group the disease is more aggressive, and the time from catching it to developing full-blown Aids much shorter. Few elderty patients survive their first attack of Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP), and more than 75 per cent of elderly patients have died within three months of the diagnosis being made. In older patients Aids has a predilection for attacking the brain and spinal cord, and consequently causes mental breakdown and physical weakness. These may be the only manifestation of the disease in the elderly.

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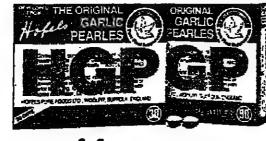
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RICHARD DUNWOODY

I'm riding Desert Or-chid this season. He always has top weight in handicap, and in a race he's very straightforward. I wouldn't say that racing is the healthiest sport, but it's a physical job, so you've got to be as physically capable as you can be.

I've been a National Hunt ockey for seven seasons. I am 25, 5ft 8in and usually weigh just under 10 stone, which is about average for a jump

I try to eat as normally as I can, though not excessively. For breakfast I'll have a cup of tea or coffee without sugar, and a couple of slices of wholemeal toast. I might have a cup of coffee with a couple of sugars for energy in the afternoon, maybe a sandwich, then in the evenings I like fish, chicken, the odd steak, or lamb chops. My wife, Carol, doesn't do potatoes as a rule, but we have plenty of other

Racing six days a week now. we're on the scales every day and we know how much our weight varies. Some weekends can put on four or five pounds. If I'm light going into the weekend, I only have to go out for a meal and I might put on four or five pounds.

One year I went on holiday, let it go a bit through the summer and went up to over II stone. Then I did find it hard getting it down, and hard keeping it down as well. Since then, touch wood, my weight's been quite good, and it hasn't been too hard to keep under

go out for a meal or there you're riding winners might be a party, and I may you're also getting falls have some wine or the occasional lager or scotch. We're riding out most

mornings for about one and a half hours, sitting on nine or 10 horses. In the season we're racing six days a week, so fitness isn't really a problem, though it is at the beginning of the season when we're only racing three days a week, and we have June and July off. So I get fit by playing squash every day, and I go running for a couple of miles three times a week. I play golf now and again, and I also play a bit of

cricket in the summe There's the injury side to it as well. Riding horses over fences you're always liable to get falls - it works out that about one in every 12 rides we'll hit the deck. Travelling at 30mph it's not always painless. The most common injury is a broken collarbone, which thankfully I haven't suffered. I've had a couple of neck injuries, torn ligaments, the odd vertebra out of place. If I have a bad fall and I'm bruised I'll visit a chiropractor, physiotherapist or remedial therapist.

It is quite a high-pressure sport. We're out there three or four rides a day, and you've got to get the race tactics sorted out beforehand, be at the right place at the right time, so I suppose you are under stress. I try to play the pressure down: there's no point getting totally wound up about it all the time.

Most evenings I wouldn't go out, I'd watch television or read a book. There's not really a lot of time for anything else, bar looking at form books. It's quite a big thing in our

same, the injury side of it; you I drink alcohol, but not to have to be lucky to excess. Saturday nights we'll steer clear. But if - that's the way it is.



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that at the end of Desert Island Discs each week's Crusoe is summarily dispatched into oblivion with editions of Shakespeare and the Bible. What if the putative castaway did not want Shake-speare at all? There could have been room beside his hammock for the collected works of Henry James or Sir Thomas Browne instead. And why in any case should the writings of a 16thcentury dramatist be associated with the truths of Christian revelation? Gary Taylor, in this sugges-tive study, provides a variety of answers. He is concerned with the cultural transmission of Shakespeare, with what he calls the nisms of cultural renown" - in other words with "Shakespeare" as we have come to know him, complete with the vague penumbra of cadences and quotations and characters and scenes that comprise his contemporary

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Reinventing Shakespeare is a fascinating account of culture as market, a place of business as well as entertainment, the engine of those processes through which name or reputation are secured and manipulated. Taylor sees Shakespeare in particular as the emblem of a primarily conservative and hierarchical culture, a talisman borne aloft in the face of threatening social or civic chaos, a form of "nostalgic assurance", and, in our own time, a defence against threatened national identity as well as a potent weapon in the commercial quest of publish-ers or theatrical companies for market and audiences. The book will no doubt therefore offend those who are engaged in just such activities while pretending to altruism of the more egregious sort, and it will no doubt also disturb those who picture Genius, like some angel on a Gothic panel, scaring into another sphere quite apart from all earthly considerations. But those who want to

SHAKESPEARE A Cultural History from the Restoration to the Present By Gary Taylor The Hogarth Press, £18

know how great writing enters the commercial and theatrical circumstances of the day will derive great profit from Taylor's study.

Shakespeare was restored at the Restoration, and was used as a weapon by William Davenant in his fight against the rival company of Thomas Killigrew, the dramatist's reputation was then guided by the bookseller Jacob Tonson, and by a succession of combative editors who were more concerned with the proper notation of their own glories. In the 18th century Shakespeare became celebrated once more at a time of burgeoning nationalism and conservatism, In all cases Shakespeare's fame depended as much upon the political conditions and cultural imperatives of the time as upon his genuine worth as a writer.

ut it was not until the later stages of the 20th century, when the academic industry came into its own, that the angel really fell to earth and Shakespeare was entombed beneath the Mountain of Duliness. In recent decades interpretation has followed interpreta-tion, just as edition once succeeded edition. And if one of the salient facts of the 20thcentury university has been the specialization of literary studies in order to provide more and more jobs for the expanding number of academic labourers, so in this same period Shakespeare has been preised for his difficulty, his ambiguity, his complexity - characteristics which could then only be deciphered by the expert

critic. Of course Taylor himself is process of interpretation which is a Shakespeare who, at the end of

an associate professor somewhere in America, and his account of the contemporary academic exploitation of Shakespeare reveals the very shop-fronts and gutters of the generation after another. modern Grub Street, which has And rewritten, sometimes, in a moved from the much-abused

learning in Sussex or Iowa. There are times, however, when Taylor seems almost to berate Shakespeare for his ready availability to different criteria of taste and to different varieties of exegesis. But the fact that he is so adaptable, so malleable, is an important aspect of his genius. This is not to repeat the usual cliches about his "protean" nature, but rather to suggest that his very openness to meaning mirrors that purest state of human creativity which dwells in the cadence and sound of words only. What is described here is the endless

B verbose, badly organized; but it may well change your view of South Africa. It is written

by a Natal University Professor of

Sociology at the request of Mandela. The two families are friends of long standing, but the fact that Mandels saked on Indian

to write his biography, in preference to many fine black writers,

is not without political significance. In spite of all the

mistreatment of nearly three decades in South African prisons,

Mandela holds to an inspiring

ideal of international humanism.

Unable to get much from Mandela himself, Meer was forced to rely almost entirely on the surviving

letters and diaries of Mandela to his fellow activists, and on conversations with Mandela's

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However, Meer did not have the option of an alternative method,

and the value of Higher Than Hope lies in the mass of material it

brings to us: details of the BOSS

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in fact all we ever know of art and of the artist; the meaning of the plays changes continually as Shakespeare is rewritten by one

literal sense. For what are we left with at the end of this intriguing survey? A Shakespeare whose spelling and punctuation are to a large extent the invention of compositors; whose texts and scenes have been radically altered or reconstructed by the plethora of editors who used him for their own cultural purposes; whose characters and dialogue have been transformed by the vainglorious expedients of generations of actors. This should be added to the portrait of a dramatist who did not hesitate to steal the lines and plots of others; who rewrote lost plays of forgotten playwrights when the opportunity presented itself. Truly

Keeping

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the 20h century, is as appropriate to the whole new science of chaos as ever he was to Renaissance

In fact the whole history of cultural accommodation and transmission, as described in this book, suggests that we really no longer know what real value to ascribe to Shakespeare's plays. He has become so much a national, cultural, and academic icon that there is no critical vocabulary with which to describe him or by which he can be judged. There is a further conclusion to be drawn from Reinventing Shakespeare, by convincingly demonstrating the instability and relativity of even the most ferociously espoused critical values, Gary Taylor presents a dramatist who has become not valueless, but value-free. Will this be the Shakespare of the next century?

NEW HARDBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books: The Correspondence of Charles Darwin, Volume 5, 1851-1855, edited by Frederick Burkhardt and Sydney Smith (Cambridge, £32.50) He throws himself into his Species Theory, with frequent poets around the globs. From Homer to Tragedy, The Art of Alkesion in Greek Poetry, by Richard Garner (Routledge, £30) Systematic echoes, references, quotes. The Language of the Goddees, by Marija Gimbutas (Thames & Hudson, £29.95) European matriarchal prehistoric roots exposed. Music and Medicine, Medical profiles of great composers, by John O'Shea (Dent, £18.95) Why did Schubert wear a wig? What did Mozart's ear really look like? What was the curse of the Mendelssohns? Which scandatous violinist atways wore framet underwear? Approaching musicians idiosyncratically by way of their aliments and crotchets. The Photographic Work of Celvert Richard Jones, by Rollin Buckman (HMSO, 230) Welsh founding father of snapping, with 400 calotypes.

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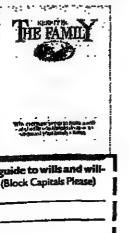
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other parts of Africa in 1962, when he slipped out of the country without authorization. What is amazing and captivat-ing about Mandela is his irrepresa-ible zest for life after half a long lifetime in solitary confinement. In one letter to Winnie, he writes

ground; Mandela's discovery of

of "the simple things in life I have missed most boxing tournaments, music festivals . . . and the greatest of all moments closing the bedroom door". What is most compelling about

tions relating to Mandela's first wife, Evelyn, and his second wife Winnie, who has become almost as well known as her intriband as a result of the government's fear of her. Related with documentary objectivity is the way in which Winnie's life became an era of letters never received, visits made impossible, police harassment, arrests, court appearances, slander.

'Higher Than Hope is a tribute to the Mandelas' extraordinary Christian fortitude and maturity. The government's attempt to break them consisted not just of crude violence and intimidation, but also of squeezing the slender economic base of the family by preventing Winnie from working. Even more than Nelson, she deserves recognition for keeping all the Mandelas - and much of the freedom struggle - going. It is not surprising that the

Mandelas have come to symbolize a people who have been systematically harassed, beaten, starved, and denied human rights, but who have succeeded in maintaining human dignity. The true test for the Mandelas, however, will come when their country is finally able to enter the community of free and democratic nations.

Spook in the database **Michael Hartland**

then, after weeks of searching, that

a thriller and real-life espionage, is that now more than 70 per cent of the kosher stuff is done by computer. The inter-ception of communications may be an electronic miracle, but thin material for a novel. Inanimate oxes of wire and chips neither fall in love nor betray each other, so spy writers steer clear of them. The Cuckoo's Egg proves them wrong. In 1986 Clifford Stoll was a Laboratory, California, involved in Star Wars, but so junior that his office was in a basement with no windows. One day he noticed a 75 per cent loss on his computer

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THE CUCKOO'S EGG By Clifford Stell The Bodley Head, £12.95

thriller. After three years of frustration, Stoll tracked his opponent to West Germany, and suddenly everyone took him seriously. On March 2, 1989 the German police arrested Markus Hess of Hanover and four others for emisoners. They were all smallsomeone was using it to access top secret databases. Stoll's main interest in life was his love affair with law student Martha. He was not into politics or patriotism, but realized that something murky was going on, and reported it. The authorities took one look at his long hair and jeans — and ignored him. It was like witnessing a murder, going to

the police and being treated as a nut.
Against every inclination, Clifford Stoll roused himself from the sybaritic life of San Francisco Bay and set traps for the hacker, who and set traps for the factor, who thresomely respicated when Stoll was in the shower with his girlfriend. Gradually he proved that his unseen enemy was syphoning off some of the most sensitive military material in the United States: the targeting and capability of nuclear and chemical weapons, overseas bases, everything. Reluctantly the FBI and National Security Agency became involved, although they still mistrusted him. The details of his counter-hacking are intriguing if you are into computers, they may

the Nat West with an Amstrad, but they come pretty close. Even if computers bore you to tears, it's a robust and very funny story of a laid-back fella kicking pompous authority into action.

At the end it turns into a real

for espionage. They were all small-time crooks, charged with selling the results of their backing to the KGB in East Berlin. The haemorrhage of secrets stopped. Triumphant Stoll married Martha, and moved to an office with a window. The Cuckoo's Egg leaves you with two powerful impressions. First, the youth of everyone concerned — Stoll and Hess were both in their mid-twenties — and the ease with which the backing was done. Does the spread of online computers mean that in future nothing can be genuinely secure? Second, even hi-tech espionage can be dangerous. Three of the hackers are in jail awaiting trial. Two co-operated with the police to avoid prosecution - of whom one was found burnt to death by petrol in a forest outside Hanover. Nobody seemed surprised that there was no suicide note.

Incongruences of your everyday living

he characters in Mavis Gallant's short stories are not so much In Transit as fixed in places where they don't belong. They are living in another country, or with people who are unsympathetic, or with a close relation whom they cannot understand. In one story, a small boy, recovering in hospital from a car crash which has killed both his parents, hears the whispering around him but can make no sense of the trite half truths and phrases meant to jolly him along. In another, a young girl lured by the promise of a glitzy life of leisure and sunlight in Italy, has married a much older man, only to find herself longing for grass instead of cacti, and the bustle of English gentility instead of Mediterranean idleness. In these stories there are no solutions, no careful structures to underline or measure conspicu-ous success or failure in the way people run their lives. Often someone is trying hard to break away from alien surroundings, but the moment of escape is not the main point. The progress from one stage to another is smooth and elegant, passing through illumination and bafflement, and leaving the outcome ambiguous.

cerned with elegance, and more intent on taking aim at certain targets. In his absurd story about The Greek Interpreter he sets up an international conference which is going off the rails in Bangkok, thereby opening up a number of old, but still lively, jokes. The central joke is the conference itself - and the conference mentality. The author-makes full use of the idea of a room full of pompous people with their pockets bulging with elo-quent speeches, bogged down in points of order and incomprehensible translations. The American senator is a familiar figure against this backcloth, as he juggles with human rights, while protecting his own shady source of private income. Max Davidson manages to fold into the narrative various massage parlours, murder plots, dirty tricks, and drug smugglers; and if the end is a bit puzzling, it doesn't really matter because there is a lot of action along the way, in contrast, The Blackbird's

ax Davison is less con-

Song presents real violence in its barest form, Panline Holdstock describes a journey made by Emily and William, their young son and unpredictable friend Marthe across the plains of northern China. They are Christian missionaries, and it is June 1900 a year of terrible drought. The restless country people, seeing their crops rained and looking for the cause, decide it is the forcigners" who have brought this disaster upon them. For Emily

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By Ernesto Sabato Translated by Helen R. Lane Cape, £13.95

and William, beaten and imprisoned, the conventional boundaries between faith and doubt no longer hold. What seemed to be strength is weakness, and what might have been termed courage now seems the clearest expression of fear. Aware of these contradictions, stripped of their possessions and the protection of the civilized world, they must face their feelings about themselves and each other with precision and restraint. The bleakness of the author's prose and the compressed power of her observation make this an extraordinary first novel on the interplay of anger, love, and duty.

rnesto Sabato's dissertation On Heroes and Tombs
presents a different view of love and suffering. It is a great rambling exploration of various sorts of obsession - sexual, philosophical, political — set against a background of nationalist traditions and class values in the confused social world of Argentina in the 1950s. Alejandra is a young girl swept by deep un-certainty, which she conceals beneath a veneer of self-sufficiency. This blend of confidence and doubt makes her the focus of the obsessions of three very different men. For Martin, her rather bedraggled young lover, she is a symbol of his highest ideals, his native land, his yearning for love. To her father she symbolizes mysterious forces linked to his preoccupations with blindness and evil. To her mother's ex-lover she is a symbol of what can never be attained and therefore never defiled. Sabato explores the intertwined obsessions in labyrinthine ail. It is a rema ment of ideas that beat their way through a changing narrative style. One page might almost have been written by Proust, then the next is like a school history book. Strange that they work so well together.

On Saturday: Glendinning on the missionary business, Louis Heren on Alan Moorehead, military uniforms, jazz age, Boswell, crime

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THE ARTS

Maverick pleasures

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I am accused by the BBC Music and Arts Department, in our dence columns, of being less than charitable toward their total lack of a prime-time mass-audience regular equivalent of The South Bank Show. Compared to this, The Late Show is not so much a rival as an ins intellectual's ghetto, with such occasional highlights as Pinter-reading-Rushdie in an outside broadcast on Tuesday. It needs to be added that the BBC can and does come up with the occasio superlative monthly special.

Last night's Bookmark on BBC 2 was one such: the story of Miron Grindea, a Romanian publisher, who 50 years ago crashed his way through the Customs barriers at Dover and then set up m, a magazine. Now surviving the half-century against all pos-sible odds, the magazine has published Picasso, Shaw, Eliot, Dali, Coctean, Churchill and Benjamin Britten, along with less distinguished columnists.

With diffidence and cons erable charm, John Wells hosted a rogramme which looked at the curious obsussion Grindes has had with the snapping-up of literary trifles. Whether getting Coctean to review Piaf ("a lizard among the rains") or telling Frederic Raphael what to write next, or asking Churchill to review Bernard Shaw or simply printing Agatha Christie's refusal to write for him, Grindea remains an extraordinary mix of archivist, procurer, and literary detective. He was at his absolute best when locating in Brighton a dying French waiter who could bear witness to Marcel Proust's habit of picking up young men in restaurants and buying them decent suits for services

By the end of Nadla Haggar's superb documentary, one felt one had discovered another entire secret floor of the London Library, and the only failure was in neglecting to tell us where back numbers of Adam could be pur-chased. Presumably from their address in the London telephone

directory.

Granada's El CID was off to an extremely strong start last night with Alfred Molina and John Bird, as a couple of disenchanted policemen starting a new life on the Costa del Sol. An opening script by Chris Kelly and Iain Roy swatained a high level of running a shoot one-armed bandits and an informer known as Mo the Grass. The wonderful world-weariness of Molina and the ingabrious, wry dejection of Bird will make them one of the most com-pulsively watchable double-acts of the season, just as long as their many writers can find enough to keep them in trouble on the Costa dei Crime. Any series with a title like this, but not involving Chariton Heston, deserves an award.



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"Magnetic apparates for putting square pegs into round holes", by W. Heath Robinson: is a national comic art gallery so impracticable?

Have you heard the one about setting up a National Gallery of Comic Art? Joseph Williams proposes it, and he is not joking A home for humour

ments, they change social trends, they peel open the most uncomfortable truths of human nature. Yet cartoons, caricatures and comic drawings are undervalued as works of art. It is a distortion which cartoonists them-

selves might easily put on paper.

This injustice, however, may be righted with the proposed setting up of a National Gallery of Comic Art. To sceptics, the idea looks as impracticable as a Heath Robinson contraption; but a dedicated set of experts and devotees is convinced that a museum devoted to the pillory of human weakness is long overdue.

With the price of paintings soaring in the auction houses, the humble cartoon could proffer a refreshing alternative. Comic art is relatively cheap at the moment, yet there are few private collectors in the country. One of them is Simon Heneage, consultant to the Books Department at Sotheby's. He is a votary of ponsense humour, and active in the attempt to found a museum. "I'd donate part of my collection, comprising mostly British cartoons on social

ideally cover all branches and periods. And we'd hold competitions and lectures, to involve the public. It wouldn't be static."

Supporting him are cartoonists Mel Calman and Nick Garland, and others from the arts world. such as David Puttnam and Fav Weldon. Contributions would come from the University of Kent, which stores an impressive selection of comic art - not displayed through lack of space. It is hoped that the Victoria and Albert Museum might lend some of its collection (also, sadly, locked up).

The Arts Council has had its sense of humour tickled too: it may be interested, once the specific requirements are laid down. Funding remains the main problem. A recent auction of cartoons was helpful, and the organizers are seeking a vital fillip from larger companies such as Guinness.

Bulgaria already boasts a mu-seum called the House of Humour and Satire, which sounds like the comic equivalent of the Chamber of Horrors. Its raison d'être, in a country long labouring under the yoke of austerity, is that cartoons are indispensable to the survival of humanity. Heneage believes that this is too beavy-handed a

the importance of a British National Museum: "Without it, works will get lost, destroyed and sold. On top of being fine examples of art, they are relevant politically and socially. David Low's cartoons infuriated Hitler, and Napoleon claimed he'd give anything to have a cartoonist like Gillray on

eople have loved and feared the fulminations of cartoonists. What Gillray captured, in his caricatures of Pitt and King George III, was the essence of the person. By distortion, paradoxically, the truth is sharpened. The caricaturist Rowlandson sticks his pen like a dart in our foibles, and twists out laughter as painful recognition.

Of course the humour may be genial, as in H.M. Bateman's affectionately titled picture The Man Who Coughed at the First Night, where a ridiculous social convention is broken, and thus lampooned. Humour may be gentie and universal, as in Daumier's The Too Hot Bath: a little man with a nightcap easing himself into a squalid bathtub, his miserly face

philosophy, but he is convinced of screwing up into a bunch of masterful penstrokes. And humour may be positively savage. from the frightening profligacy depicted by Hogarth to the hideous and twisted creations of

Comic art deserves as much attention as comic literature. The distorting glass of Fielding through which he sees the corruption of the world, is the same one used by great satirical artists, but for a different medium. Had Dickens been an artist, one feels that he would have sketched his grotesque characters exactly as Cruickshank did, so appropriate are the drawings.

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Why, then, has there not been a galiery up till now? Heneage believes that cartoonists are not always easy collaborators: "They're eccentrics - they even have difficulty in coming to meetings." Like clowns and fools - wiser than the rest of us, but often lonely and sensitive -sion: typical of Tenniel, Pont and Leech. It was said of Vicky, that he had too much feeling for one man, What cartoonists should start drawing now, if their museum is to get off the ground, is our attention.

Is it a horrorshow tollchock? I'm afraid not

question posed by Anthony Burgess's much-bruited adaptation of his celebrated novel. Is it a grahzny vonny play which this critic veck must horrorshaw tolichock, or a yumyumyum lovely shooshying to the gulliver and glazzies? In 1990 English as opposed to 2004 newspeak, is it forgettable tosh, or intellectually and visually enjoyable?

But here I must do something emperamentally and verbally alien to the savage protagonist of A Clockwork Orange, who spouts this bizarre yet comprehensible blend of rhyming slang, ur-Rus-sian, and punk rhetoric. I must shilly-shally a bit.

Yes, the play is sometimes coarsely acted, gratuitously showy, awkwardly poised between the real and surreal, plonkingly didactic, and lacking in those essential ingredients, toughness and horror. Yes, it is also fluent. inventive, mentally stimulating and even more timely than in 1962, when Burgess penned it.

The story involves teenage Alex, who rapes, plunders and pulverizes his way to prison, where he is transformed by aversion therapy. Sex, violence, and the sound of his beloved BeethoTHEATRE Benedict Nightingale

A Clockwork Orange 2004 Barbican

ven now leave him creased with cramps. Yet somehow he survives both the callous reactionaries and the sentimental liberals. He is, Burgess provocatively suggests, neither monster nor misunderstood boy: just another male mimal brutally growing up.

Burgess adds to his tale a report of the machine-gunning of blacks in the East End; but is otherwise faithful to the original, as well he might be. We can hardly say it is not topical, not with all-out war between the Crips and the Bloods in LA, not with eight-year-olds being found with guns in Detroit schools. And who can say our inner cities won't eventually see the spiralling violence, teenage thugs versus hoodlum police,

Burgess describen?
Yet finally he is less concerned. with penology than with metaphysics. To what extent is it right

autonomy for society's sake? Is enforced virtue really virtue? Can someone be called good if he does not have a capacity for evil? Can good exist without evil?

Those are not altogether abstract problems either, not when castration is sometimes seriously suggested as a cure for sex offenders. But they do come across a bit climbily at the Barbican. At one point a rumpled Graham Greene cleric materielizes above the curved red Meccano surrounding the stage to incant, "It's all a matter of freedom of choice, we have a right to choose evil".

There is too much earnest opining in Ron Daniels's production; but also, paradoxically, too much spectacle. The depressing milk-bar where the thugs gather for battle is inexplicably peopled with bopping bathing beauties and what seem to be lady surgeons wearing wings. There is an equally eccentric ballet involving a doctor and Alex in a wheelchair. The violence, and especially a rape, is more authentic; but one never loses the feeling it has been expertly choreographed.

Perhaps that is not surprising,

Arlene Phillips of Hot Gossip. The trouble is that Ron Daniels has not integrated her effects into the mean, hard world he also wants to evoke. One impression you get it of an uneasy mix of fantasy and street naturalism, intermittently backed by the pulsatings and moans, throbbings and wails of the rock composed by Bono and Edge of U2. Another is of a play not sure whether it is also a musical show.

plains the acting, which is unusually broad for the RSC. Among the few who inject a little finesse are Patrick Brennan, Francis Mark Johnson and, luckily, Phil Dan-iels, with his pale face, bowler, black wig and cute jacket. Looking like a mix of Chaplin, Fauntleroy and Richard III, and radiating a querulous siyness, his Alex does not risk the accusation faced by the more charismatic Malcolm McDowell in Kubrick's movie, of glamorizing evil.

But he still is not frightening enough. Nor, indeed, is the show as a whole. It should appel us with the prospect of perils to come, and it just does not. The two Daniels, Ron and Phil, finally lack danger. we need a bit more terror, a little more lion in their urban cage.



Eccentric: Alex (Phil Daniels) is wheeled by the orderly (Roger Tebb)

Strange, sad choice of role model

Simeon Solomon, painter of beautiful boys, friend of Rossetti and Swinburne, occasions one of the saddest or, if you prefer, most heroic sentences in the Dictionary of National Biography. "He tried his hand, without success, as a pavement artist in Bayswater." This begs the question of what success as a pavement artist would constitute. Neil Bartiett and Gloria tend to the heroic view; their aim is to re-write Solomon's biography in tones very different from the DNB's crushing ironies

Harry Eyres

A Vision of Love Revealed in Sleep Drill Hall

and innuendoes ("he was known for his frequent falls"), and reclaim him as a brave gay martyr and icon for gay men in our time.

The problem is that Bartlett chooses to base his text on

Solomon's prose poem of 1871 called A Vision of Love Revealed in Sleep, which comes across as a work of dim sentimentality rather than perfervid eroticism. Bartlett reads passages from the Vision with a hesitant simplicity which commands respect, if not interest. The fact is that when the same passages are read again at the end of this 100-minute (too long) show, the effect is the same: there has been no gain in focus. Solomon was a gifted artist; on this evidence, he was not a good poet. That may be to miss the point of this show which is more con-cerned with drawing parallels

between Solomon's "fallen" life. devoted to the pleasures of rough trade and alcohol, and contemporary gay experience. Bartlett slips artfully between reminis-cences of Solomon's life and observations on his own. These are sometimes humorous but more often nakedly (the only piece of clothing be wears throughout is a red silk scarf) confessional. Welcome variation is provided by a splendid trio of queens (it is the only appropriate word), in the persons of Bette Bourne, Regina Fong and Robin Whitmore. Bourne is a performer of rare warmth and magneticism, at least when she is not trying to be a cafe chanteuse. Nicolas Bloomfield's

piano playing is unfailingly Solomon's life was, I think, both sad and heroic. What is disquieting about this show is that, faced with the fear of Aids and reactionary "morality", a gifted group of performers should choose such a role model - a man condemned by the hypocrisy of the

How Steeple Sinderby Wanderers Won the FA Cup Thorndike. Leatherhead

Wanting to look at the novel by J.L. Carr on which this play is based, but unable to track down a copy, I borrowed another, The Battle of Pollocks Crossing, and read it at a sitting. I marvel at how he makes the awkward struggle of decent human beings in a tough world into thrilling adventures.

The protagonists of How Steeple Sinderby are similarly obscure, but here there are more of them, an entire village from the back end of nowhere, whose inhabitants bind themselves into an efficient foothall machine and knock out all their opponents all the way to Wembley. The stage version of this inspiring tale, by Christopher Lillicrap and Mike Fields, was first seen at Worcester. The Thorndike at Leatherhead has been astute in extending its life, transferring Fields's production

with several of the original cast. Jeremy Kingston enough for half the team, dizzy doubling is required to bring in the vicar, his wild sister, housewives driving off Manchester louts with

warming pans, and others. The nature of the story lends itself to this approach, but where a large cast might introduce greater physical variety, much is done to suggest this with quickly donned coats and hats pulled down over

The stage is simply furnished with some green chairs, lockers and a table, doubling as grandstands, against a backcloth of the church and houses snuggling close together to symbolize the village's new-found unity.

Carr's fondness for finding virnes where hardly expected finds its comic centre in Fangloss, the chairman who runs the club as if it were an extension of his sugarbeet factory. Trenchantly played by Phil Croft, he is supported by likeable performances from Simon Coates as an ex-theology student, now bright young secretary, and Justine Midda as the cub journalist suffering from chronic allitera-tion. A joyful evening.

Trimmed to fit them

DANCE John Percival

Giselle City Hall, Sheffield

Christopher Gable has put his mark firmly on his new produc-tion of Giselle for Northern Ballet Theatre. For one thing, it looks different from other versions by being set in the 19th century and taking place, I imagine, in Switzerland, judging by the mountains behind the little villa occupied by the heroine and her mother.

Here, they offer the passing gentry not wine but a nice soothing cup of tea. Can we believe in suicide by a sword-stick in this context?

Gable is obviously keen for us to follow the story. In case we are not sure what Albrecht is up to inside his cottage, we see him arrive complete with manservant carrying his disguise in a carpet-bag, and the wall of the cottage is cut away so that we see inside.

This produces a complication. To make sure everyone can see, the cottage is pushed right out on the stage; then to make room for dancing it is pulled back again into the wings.

That looks odd, but no more so than the cut-out forward-projecting backcloths of Roger Butlin's decor. This has the merit of letting the ghostly apparitions of Art II appear from under the snowy ground (a chilling effect); the drawback is that folk in Act I also find themselves accidentally disappearing underground.

Also, having taken such care of some dramatic detail, it is surprising to see Hilarion at the end simply pushed into the wings with no indication of his watery death, or to find people sitting on a rough log when there is a garden seat available for them.

Gable has made a few changes to the choreography, not improvements, but not disastrous either, and he has obviously worked to get his cast conscious of style as well as drama. He has been more successful with their arms than their footwork; and although the dancing is all quite light and noiseless, it never becomes very

All told, this is not a production to match the one Alicia Markova did for the company a few years ago, but it is serviceable and has the merit of being built around the abilities of the present dancers, led by Graciela Kaplan as a sturdy Giselle and Duncan de Gruchy as

Getting back to what the composer intended John Mauceri, who is conducting a new

production of Verdi's La forza del destino for Scottish Opera, talks to Hilary Finch

hen John Mauceri made a magnificent London debut conducting La forza del destino for English National Opera in 1983, there seemed to be no problem about editions. He used Verdi's second, "improved" version, first per-formed in 1869 in Milan, Seven years on, as he prepares to conduct Elijah Moshinsky's new produc-tion for Scottish Opera, it is to much of Verdi's original version, composed for St Petersburg, that he will be looking Mauceri, who majored in composition and musical analysis at Yale, and who has already come up with new ideas on Candide. La traviata and Madam Butterfly, clearly did not make the change lightly.

Andrew Porter, who translated the opera for ENO, had himself supervised a semi-professional production in California of the original 1862 St Petersburg score, and he sent Mauceri the tape. "My immediate response," Mauceri says, "was that at every instance Verdi had undoubtedly improved musical matters in the second version; so we stick by its musical substance. But, as far as the dramatic structure went, the revision made La forza seem long and formless, whereas the original makes it the most perfectly structured piece Verdi ever wrote." The three crucial changes occur in the overture, in the restructuring of Act III, and in the finale ending. Mauceri had always found the second overture (itself a popular concert piece), with its long development and loud happy ending, an incongruous curtainraiser for an opera which began with flute and clarinet playing very quietly the repeated Es of the famous fate motif. The original Prelude, on the other hand, ends on that quiet E which leads right into the first scene.

Mauceri claims that the dramaturgy of Act III is upset by its later revision. In order to end with a hit chorus (the "Rataplan"). Verdi sacrificed an entirely convincing and richly satisfying rondo-form, of alternating arias and choruses. which continued over into Act IV and gave the original version such

The ending of the opera also troubled me. Alvaro says he is redeemed by Leonora's death. Well, the opera is simply not religious. It's not about the victory of God over Man: it's about a curse, the curse of a father be kills." The first scene ends in C minor with the pistol shot in the original, the opera, too, ends in C minor as that curse is worked out,



and the stage becomes littered with two murders and one suicide. "And the curtain comes down with three, quiet repeated Es. Beethoven's Fifth without the final note!"

With his reference to Beethoven, Mauceri shoots off into another characteristic observation which underpins his emphasis on the importance of such referential structures in Verdi's music. "I'm struck by the similarity between La forza and two other great Spanish operas by non-Spanish composers. Fidelio and Don Giovanni. The theme of the separated lovers, of the curse. They had a tremendous influence on Verdi, La forza is Verdi's most can hear the 'Moonlight' Sonata in 'Pace mio Dio'; Fidelio in the use of the solo clarinet; the Commendatore's death and return, like

"I really believe that the second Force is a rare instance of Verdi making dramaturgical changes in order to ensure popular success. To do away with all those obscene dead bodies on stage at the end, to provide a hit chorus and a stunning overture, he compromised his own sense of theatre."

■ La forza del destino opens at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow, on Tuesday

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THE ARTS/FILM

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Breaking the family budget

CINEMA Geoff Brown

ean Connery, Dustin Hoff-man and Matthew Broderick: the services of these three actors alone are up \$12 million of the budget for Family Business (15, Odeon Leicester Square).
If the film fails to recoup its

costs, do not blame them: as grandpa, father and son in a New grandpa, rather and son in a New York family with "criminal genes", they provide all the expected spit and polish. Connery is the dichard rapscallion, thieving and brawling in his twilight years, Hoffman the frustrated family man determined to keep his nose clean; Broderick a bright young kid who turns his back on academic glory for the joys and profit of following grandpa's footsteps.
Yet a finger needs to be pointed

somewhere: with such a line-up, and a director like Sidney Lumet, one expects Family Business to deliver more than it does. Opening scenes are sluggish with talk, establishing the characters and the Manhattan milicu without igniting the plot. Then, once the trio joins forces to steal test-tubes and data from a lightly-guarded research laboratory, Lumet picks up the film's slack, echoing the nervous comedy-action mode that worked so well in Dog Day Atternoon.

Once Broderick alone is caught on the job, scenes tremble with heavy tussles of divided loyalty: if the boy names his colleagues and the data is returned, he goes free. For the finale, the mood switches to full-blooded sentiment: there is imprisonment, a death, a reconciliation, and a rousing ren-dition of "Danny Boy". Possibly a acreenwriter other

than the author of the original novel (Vincent Patrick) could have slapped this rum mixture into better shape. At any rate, the film does improve as it goes along; Lumet's regular photographer, Andrzej Bartkowiak, works his usual magic with urban locations, and no-one cap ignore \$12 million worth of stardom.

be spartan ambience of the ICA Cinemathèque is a daunting prospect, I know, yet no-one in-terested in British cinema should miss In Fading Light in its upcoming retrospective of the Amber collective.

As Peter Guttridge reports, below, the Amber team docu-ments working-class life in the north-east of England. Its latest the upheaval caused when a teenage giri runs the male gauntlet and joins her estranged father on his fishing boat in North Shields.

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Big-budget trie: from left, Matthew Broderick, Sean Connery and Dustin Hoffman add much-needed polish to Sidney Lamet's Family Busines

British cinema has made notable past efforts to document the fisherman's hardy life, yet compared to the Amber film's briny air, Man of Aran and the like might almost be drawing-room

To be sure, the girl, the boat crew, their wives and friends are played by actors, but Amber's expertise in handling ordinary people makes them blend naturally into the surroundings. Tom Hadaway's script occa-

sionally slips into glibness, though the performers, headed by Joanna Ripley and Dave Hill, are robust enough to compensate. This is a forceful portrait of a perilous and imperilled way of life, and a British film to be reckoned with.

No-budget film-making also shows its strengths in Maggie Greenwald's The Kill-Off (18, Screen on the Hill). No costly special effects here: just masterly photography of a decaying resort on America's north-east coast, the grey winter skies clogged by a jungle of telephone wires. No milk of human kindness either; the phone lines crawl with malignant nary invalid, Luana (a frightening performance here from Loretta Gross). Lying in bed, she finds much to gossip about meest,

drugs, dark secrets galore. Luana finally meets her comeuppance, though the town seems fated never to rest in peace

The material derives from the wickedly bleak mind of Jim Thompson (1906-1977), a hardboiled novelist with a growing cult following. Past films of his novels have often been crippled by compromises (a selection is now on view at the National Film Theatre), but Greenwald - a talented new director with assorted Hollywood experience - courageously faces Thompson's nihilism head on.

Back to the Hollywood big guns. Inspired by a family death, Robert Harling wrote a successful play, Steel Magnolius, celebrating the fortitude of Southern women facing life's ups and downs. On stage, the action never strayed beyond a beauty parlour. In the film (PG, Odeon Haymarket), director Herbert Ross constantly sends us out and about - a wedding service here, a hospital and a cemetery there. Yet the essence remains unchanged: sassy exchanges between bosom chums, ringing lines begging to be noticed and quoted ("I would rather have 30 minutes of wonderful than a lifetime of nothing special"), and a stout affirmation that life must go on.

Everything falls into place too neatly to stir anything but surface emotions; however the cast tches in with gusto, regardless. Saily Field makes a run for an Oscar as the protective mother of diabetic daughter; Shirley MacLaine gobbles up her role as the town curmudgeon; Dolly Par-ton bounces with good cheer, and

Olympia Dukakis elegantly dis-penses wry quips. The heart of the film, though, lies with Julia Rob-erts, as the diabetic Shelby: this gifted newcomer injects a natural spark into the film's arch mix of Southern comfort and tear-tweak-

ey, I Shrunk the Kids (U. Odeon West End) finds two households' worth of drauersome chilquen shrunk to a quarter of an inch, battling their way through a garden's outsize foliage, insects, and lawn mowers. This Disney variation on The Incredible Shrinking Man maintains a lively opening pace, paving the way for the awful moment when the ds - the free-wheeling Szalinskis and the hard-line Thompsons - set off Mr Szalinksi's molecule shrinker and end up as specks on the floor. From there they travel, via the dustpan, to the garden dustbin.

So far, so good. But then director Joe Johnston shifts gears; the film relaxes into a chain of encounters with special effects as the children navigate the jungle (and learn to love thy neighbour). The thrills are boisterous enough to provide happy family viewing.

"You wanna go combat to-night?" urchin Squeak asks his hero T, who lives in an empty water tower high above Manhattan in Rections (15, Cannon Oxford Street). "Probably," says T; "Cool," says Squeak So off we so to a vacant lot where the hip hang out, displaying their prowers at a form of acrobatic kicking called "combat dancing". The man behind the camera is no child

of music videos, but the silver-haired Robert Wise, aged 74. Directing stale youth fodder may be one way to fight off feelings of obsolescence, but the end product only tarnishes a distinguished career. The plot — a sort of Lower East Side Story involving young love and drugs limps from cliché to cliché. At least Eddie Vélez, the chief villain possesses an amusing evil glint; beside him, Jason Gedrick's hero seems just another pin-up with a

Unlikely showcase of flourishing art-form

David Robinson reports on the 1990 Indian Film Festival in Calcutta, the home town of Satyajit Ray, Ritwik Ghattak and Mrinal Sen

n outsider might well think that Calcutta had enough problems without addition film festival to them. In fact, however, it proves a particularly suitable setting for the event. Calcutta has the most lively and pugnacious intellectual life of all Indian cities. Historically it has produced the three outstanding modern film masters - Satyajit Ray, the ill-fated genius Ritwik Ghattak and the radical and everactive Mrinal Ses.

It also boasts the country's only purpose-built film complex, with a variety of cinemas, conference ns, library and archive.

The peculiarity of the annual Indian Film Festival is its peripatetic nature. Although it returns in alternate years to Delhi, the rest of the time it moves to other production centres, like Bombay, Madras, Bangalore, Hyderabad,

tourism, but it provides terrible organizational headaches. Every year the festival director has to start afresh with an maccosto stuff recruited from the local civil ervants of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. After four years of managing the problems with skill and grace, the lucumbent director, Urusin Gueta, has intimated that she has had

An Indian festival is always full of incident. Most days there is a minor riot when, inevitably, a film is late, or changed, or cancelled, or arrives without sub-tities, or does not come up to expectations. The Progressive Democratic (sic) Students' Federation, a Naxalite organization, picketed the complex, londly protesting against "vulgar films" (no specific examples were cited, but the mere title sex, lies and videotape seems to have aroused them). A minister seized the headlines with a confident pronouncement that the festival films were as incidenced to

drug use. Such protests notwitistanding, for the local audience this is a rere chance to see the year's best films from around the world. Foreign visitors are inevitably more interested in the new work from India's so-called "Parailel Cinema", shown in the festival's "Indian Panorama" section which, since its inception, has been an important influence on the devsecont of serious Indian cinema.

While Indian film production at some 800 features a year, the bulk consists of traditional commercial kitsch, simed at an audience with no interest in a cinema of artistic or social alms. The Indian Panorama, by focus-sing critical attention on the Parallel Cinema, has done much to foster the work of new directors. This year the Government made a further advance with a decree that the 21 films shown in the Pan-orana should be screened on television.

The new crop was a reminder of the problem posed by the sub-

continent's variety of language with pictures in Bengali, Hindi, English, Assamese, Gujarati, Kan-nada, Marathi, Punjabi, Tamil and Telega. English sub-titles have to provide the necessary mon language.

this year. Satyajit Ray's An Enemy of the People has already been see in London. Undertaken as a not too demanding exercise while Ray was recovering from beart surgery, it adopts a distinctly minimalist style. Even so, one appreciated Ray's skills, seeing the film alongside a long and stagey version of Little Eyolf.

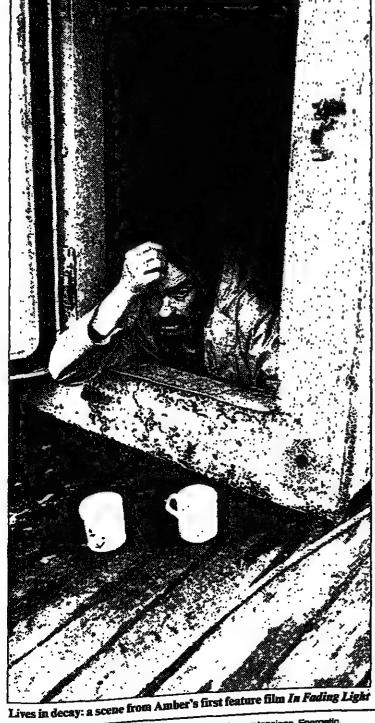
The search for missing persons was a recurrent theme. Shaji's prize-winning Piravi (The Birth), about the family of a student who has disappeared in police custody during Mrs Gandhi's State of Emergency, has already opened in London. In Suddenly One Day, by Ray's contemporary Mrinal Sen, it is a university teacher who dis-appears, leaving his family to discover, in the course of their search, unsuspected aspects of the man they thought they knew so

From Kerala, T.V. Chandran's The Search of Alice also has a wife searching for her mysteriously disappeared husband. In this case, the director says, there is a touch of autobiography in the reflected personality of the absent character, a man driven, first to dripk and then to disappearance, by his inability to face the intellectual and moral challenges of his life.

Perhaps too there is an autobiographical metaphor in an attractive film by the poet and film-maker Buddhadeb Dasgupta, The Leopard Man. It tells of a traditional folk dancer who is spurged by his regular village entertainer comes along with danc-tog girls and a real live leopard in ce of the hero's artistic interpretation. The best of the Panorama selection, these films are likely, eventually, to be seen in

The festival was the occasion for the inauguration of a new art house in a refurbished Calcutta cinema. Originally built in 1967 as the Elphinstone Picture Palace and subsequently re-named the Minerva, it was officially re-christened, at Satyajit Ray's stion, The Chaptin Hall.

In fact Charles Chaplin and his with packed and enthusiastic andiences for a major retrespective, and with Charlie's image on every bes and hoarding. The indom-itable little Tramp seems very much alive and current in Calcutta, where the street people reflect the vitality and courage that the figure itself embodied. A Jesuit the figure itself embodied. A Jesuit father active in the Bengal cinema is carrently lobbying for a campaign to take the Chaplin films to the rural communities: "To see these films abould not be a privilege," he says; "Good films are the people's right!".



Film-makers prosper amid the demise of their subject

n 1968, a group of young film and photography students meet at the London Film School and decide they want to work together outside the mainstream of the film industry. They move to the north-east of England, live with the local community and pool wages they get from outside jobs to pay for their projects. They are committed to documenting working-class life. So far, so idealistic.

They set up Amber, a collective, non-profit distributor for their work. Their aim is "to record and communicate" so they do not limit themselves to one single medium. Photography, film and animation are all part of their initial repertoire.

Amber never names a film's director or camera person because it is a co-operative and the work is decided as a group. It has negotiated an agreement with the ACCT, the film technician's union, to allow "cross-grade" working. This means a camera person on one production can work as editor of the next. So far, so ideological.

Now, Amber's first fully-fledged feature film, In Fading Light (reviewed above), is to be shown at the ICA, along with a retrospective of its other work over the last 20 years. By now Amber is running the Side Gallery, which has an international reputation, as do Amber's documentaries. Amber also runs one of the country's finest picture libraries, a slidemaking business, a framing business and a bookshop. It owns a pub. The New Clarenden, and a church, converted into a studio. It owns 14 horses. It makes money. We have non-profit distribu-

Amber, a collective film unit which seeks to document the

Peter Guttridge on

decline of the North

co-operative for 13 years. "We've always run amail businesses because before Channel 4 we had to bring in the money to pay for our projects. But the money we make goes back into the company.'

Amber's entrepreneurial approach extends to the practicalities of film-making. For In Fading Light, a realistic drama which charts the demise of the fishing industry around North Shields, the company had money in the budget to hire a fishing boat. Amber bought one instead. "We had it for two years," McCarthy says. "It meant actors and crew could get their sea legs - it gave us much more flexibility." And it was sold at a profit.

Amber's move into fiction has been signalled for some time. Films over the last few years have seen an unusual blending of drama and documentary. Keeping Time, Double Vision, Seacoal and T. Dan Smith are all films in which real people and events are incorporated into a dramatic narrative siructure.

"We've always wanted people to dramatize their own lives," McCarthy says. "For The Last Shift, about a group of miners who are trying to run their own coal mine, we employed the miners for a week to work for us down their mine. We had them act their own

Amber is still committed to working with working-class people in the north-east. That commitment is expressed in various ways. One Amber film, Bykers, for instance, about a particular part of Newcastle, is a product of 12 years' work with the community there. Beaches, which will be completed in the autumn, has developed from 10 years' local research. Members of the co-operative go out every week talking about its work. Films are screened in pubs and regularly in history classes in local schools and

"The In Fading Light project is important locally," McCarthy says, "because the demise of says, "because the demise of fishing has had a real effect on that community. Third-generation unemployment is a reality here."

Amber's work is gaining increasing recognition. In Fading Light was well received at last year's London Film Festival and other work has been screened around the world and won many prizes. Future projects include a feature film about women's dares teams and another about harness racing. Hence the horses.

"We are passionate about har-ness racing," says McCarthy. "It's very big in America and Australia, but until recently over here it was the kind of thing that had to be done at 5am on deserted motorways. We have 14 horses which we race at agricultural fairs."

This way of getting inside a subject typifies the Amber approach in straight documentary and in fiction. John Grierson, the great documentary film pioneer. spoke of "the creative interpretation of reality". McCarthy says simply: "We always try to capture a community with realism." So far, so good.

American life; spirited playing cannot disgular the predictable script. 1989. LAST RITES (MGM/UA, 16): Seriousty overheated melodrama with Tom Berenger miscast as a Catholic rom parenger miscast as a Catholic priest whose beliefs are compromised by sine of the flesh and tarilly involvement with the Media. Without and directed by Donald P Bellisano, cocreator of television's Magnum P.I. 1988.

PLAMES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES (CIC., 15): Engaging comedy about a mismatch couple (Steve Martin, John Candy) enduring a nightmare journey from New York to Chicago. Written and directed by John Hughes. 1987.



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ballooning pretensions. Energetic, certainly, but a difficult film to like. 1979. VIDEO BOX Geoff Brown

A weekly selection of films recently released on video. The year refers to the date of first release, or in the case of television films, of first

ALL THAT JAZZ (CBS/Fex, 18): Bob Fosse's semi-autobiographical film about a Broadway workaholic (Roy scheider); full of frantic dancing, Fellini-scheider); full of frantic dancing, Fellini-esque fantasy, open heart surgery, and

certainly, but a difficult has been appeared by the rightmanish imagination of director David Lynch. Kyle MacLachian is the wholesome hero sucked into a vortex with the local stren (Isabella Rossellini) and evil incarnate (Isabella Rossellini) and (Dennis Hopper). 1986. A PRAYER FOR THE DYING

A PRAYEN FOO (Vestron, 15): Mickey Rourke's Ulster accent is sistenshingly vivid; little else is. astonishingly vivid; little else is. Laboured version of Jack Higgins thriller about an IRA men trying to renounce volence. Mike Hodges directs; Bob Hosions dons a priest's robes, and Alan

Bates chews the scenery as a rackeneer. 1987. THE BLUES BROTHERS (CIC, 15): Wildly indulgent vehicle for John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd, as deadpan rhythm and blues players (characters first developed on Saturday Night Live). Exploding with in-jokes and cameos; glestul direction by John Landis. 1980.

tion, but that doesn't mean we

don't make a profit," explains Pat

McCarthy, who has been with the

THE COOK, THE THIEF, HIS WIFE AND HER LOVER (Palaca, 18): AND HER LOVER (Palecs, 18): Love, hause cuisine, and gruesoms revenge worthy of a Jacobean tragedy, served up with Peter Greensway's usunt glacial brilliance. With Richard Bohringer (the book), Michael Gembon (the gangster thief), Helen Mirran (his wife) and Alan Howard (har lover). 1989. COOKIE (Guillet, 1ff):
Muddled, over-played comedy charting
the rise of a mobster's deughter (Emily
Lloyd, in a game American debut) bent
on vengeance. With Peer Falk, Dianne
Wiest, directed by Susan Seidelman.
1988.

EDDIE MURPHY RAW (CIC. 18): Murphy's fast-talking one-man show neatly filmed by Robert Townsend in New York; though nothing can remove the nasty taste of his abrasive onslaughts on women, gays, and Italians. 1987.

THE EXPERTS (CIC, 15): John Travolta and Arye Gross play two New York books whisked off to Russia to keep the KGB up-to-date on

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THEATRE LONDON

★ THE BEAUX' STRATAGEM Potes Wood's NT/Belgrade (Coventry) production reaches London after production resource burners.

Institution, National Theatre, South Benk,
London SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube:
Waterloo. Tonight 7.30pm, £7-215.50. In

* HANGOVER SQUARE: Adaptation of h two actresses playing the role of

the heroine. Lyric Studio Theatre, King St. W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Preview tonight, opens Fri 7pm, then Mon-Sat 8pm, met Set 4.30pm, 28.

* MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM: August Wilson's play about black musicians being ripped off in 1927 Chicago transfers from the National Theatre for a two-week season. Hackney Empire, 291 Mare St., E8 (01-985 2424). Train: Hackney Central (BR). tonight and tomorrow only 7.30pm, 27-

★ MRSS SAKGON: Great new musical, with Jonathan Pryce; thrillingly staged. Theetre Royal, Drury Lane, WC2 (01-836 8109). Tube: Covent Garden. Morsat 7.45-10.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-5.45pm. £7-£22.50.

☆ MY HEART'S A SUTTGASE: Frances Barber in Clare McIntyre's new play tries to sort her life out on a Brighton

holiday. Royal Court Theetre, Sicene Sq. SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sicene Square. Previews tonight until Feb 12 8cm. Opens Feb 13 8cm, then Mon-Sat 8cm, met Sat 4pm, 24-£12. (D)

* RACING DEMON: Richard Eyre directs David Here's new play with Michael Brayant as one of a group of London clergymen trying to do good in their inner-city mission. National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SET (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Opens tonight 7pm, then in repertoire, 28.50. (D)

th WHALE: Maggie Steed, June Watson, Toyah Willoox, Emil Wolk leed a large cast playing whales, Inuit gods and hences in David Holman's new play



Anna Carteret (above) plays the actress Coral Browne in Alan Bennett's Single Spice, playing at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth (see the Theatre Rayal, Plymorth (see listings). The double bill about Authory Blunt at Buckingham Palace, played to capacity houses last year at the National Theatre and then in the West End. It now begins a three-menth nationwide tour with David Horovitch as Burgess and Neil Stacy as Blunt. Carteret plays the actress in the first play and the Queen in the second. Norwick, Wolverhampton and Eath are the pext three dates in the term.

National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo, Today 10.30em and 2.30pm, under 16 23.50, others £8.50. in rep (0)

OUT OF TOWN

LEATHERHEAD: ☆ How Steeple Sinderby Wenderers Won the FA Cup: Steep version of J.L. Carr's touchingly turns reset. funny novel. Thomdike Theatre, Church Street (0372 377677), Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat

Ayekbourn's NT version of the Aldwych farce in which very complicated problems follow a scheme to grab an Playbouse, Williamson Sq (051 709 8363), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm; mat Sat 4pm, 21-27.50.

PLYMOUTH: * Single Spies: See olcture, below. Theorem Regal, The Drum (0752 669595), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £6.50-£10.50.

-- FILMS

Also on reticant rate & Advance booking possible

LAST EXIT TO BROOKLYN (18): Firm, powerful version of Hubert Selby Jrs once-controversial novel of Brooklyn file, from the director of Christiane F, Urich Edgl. With Stephan Lung, Jennifer Jeson Leigh (102 min). Odean Kensington (01-802 6844). Proga 1.20, 3.50, 8.20, 8.50. Late Fri and Sat 11.15.

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Whiteless (01-792 5303). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.10, 3.40.

ARE THOO (12) Episodo harmons from Ron Howard Bour Income from Ron Robards) (114 mins).

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SHIRLEY VALENTINE (15): Warmhearted film with the popular souch; Pauline Collins repeats her stage role as the Liverpool housewife rediscovering romance (109 min). st Cannon Fulham Reed (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.20. Minema (01-235 4225). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. Plaza (01-200 0200). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.46.

TURNER AND HOOCH (PG); Predictable cop-and-dog antics given some charm by Tom Hanks in the polics

rivestigator. Common Chelson (01-352 5096). Progs 1.45, 4.10, 7.10, 9.40. Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12-40, 3-20, 6:00, Odeon Leicoster Scott Odeon Leicuster Square (01-830 6111). Progs 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8,15, Whiteleys (01-792 3803), Progs 11:15, 2:00, 4:30, 7:16, 9:46.

WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (15): Engaging romants of the property with Birty Crystal and Meg Ryan as professional Manhattanites who gradually fall for each other. Written by Nora Ephron, directed by Roh Relner (95 min) Cannon Chelses (01-352 5098). Progs 1,40, 4.00, 7.20, 9.45. Odeon Kensington (01-502 6544/5). Progs 1,30, 3,55, 8,25, 8,55. Late today, transverse 11.15

Progs 1.30, 3.55, 8.25, 8.55. Late today, tomorrow 11.15. Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.50 (not Sat, Sun), 4.15 (not Sat, Sun), 6.30, 8.50. Screen on Baker Street (01-635 2772). Progs 2.55, 5.50, 8.30. SWissner West End (01-439 6791). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 8.20, 8.35. Late today, tomorrow 11.10. Whitelean (01-722 3303). Progs 1.15. Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Progs 1.15, 8.45, 6.30, 8.55, tomorrow and Sun 11.30, 1.46, 4.16, 7.00, 9.25.

Scrutinizing Scottish art



Portrait Group (above) by James Cowie is among 250 paintings, drawings and sculptures by more than 160 artists in a new exhibition called "Scutish Art Stace 1900", which gives about as comprehensive an account of its subject as we are ever likely to get. There are two major issues which customarily arise when Scottish art comes under scratiny. The first is concerned with pinpointing the essential Scottishness of it. The second is akin to the first but easier to tie down. It relates to identifying the apparently distinct stylistic traditious of Glasgow and Edinburgh. Cowie, for example, was trained in Glasgow which has, so the argument runs, a history of figurative, narrative art based on sound drawing and hard lines. By contrast,

CONCERTS

& SUSTAINED BRUCKNERS The Halle

Orchestra is conducted by Stanisław Sigromazzawski in Schumann's Plano Concerto (Pater Donohoe, pololat) and

Bruckner's lengthy Symphony No 3. Free Trade Hall, Peter St. Manchester (061 834 1712), 7.30pm, £2.25-£12.50.

* SALONEN'S SCHOENBERG: The

SO is conducted by Ess-Peide lonen in Schoenberg's tightly sanized symphonic poem Peilds

Concerto. Town Half, Birmingham (021 236 3889), 7,30pm, £3.60-£18.

th ALL SHOSTAKOVICH: Raymond Clarke judgeces Shostakovich's Pluno Sonates Nos 1 and 2, Farnastic Denses, 24 Projudes and some of the Op 87

Protudes and Fugues. St John's, Smith Sq. London SW1 (01-22 1051), 7.30pm, E.

he catalogation (Janeses The National Symphony Orchwestra with danosas from the London City Bellet are conducted by Devid Coteman in a Johann Strauss II evening, with music from Graduation Ball, Ole Flectermuca, the Cuckoo, Tritisch Tratisch and Trunder and Lightning polices and much more.

Burblean Contro, Silk St. London BC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.50pm, 25.50-215.

tr and Business: Walten's Big Business and Move Out, Fitkin's Flak and Huceh and the London première of the complete version of Alberga's Hill and Gully Ride are heard from the Nanquidno Group. Purces Rodes, South Bank, Lundon SEI (11-528 8507), Spm. E4-E5.

OPERA

☆ FAUST: Strong revival of lan Judge's Gounod production for English National Opera, nicely poised between the humorous and the harrowing. Susan

* GRADUATION DANCES: The

artists from Edinburgh, such as Cadell and Peploe the Scottish colourists, prefer bright, decorative colours and expressionistic brushwork with ridges of impasto here and there. Of course, such atter onhole artists tend to come quickly unstuck, but if the recent remaissance of marrative painting in Glasgow, as exemplified by the work of Steven Campbell, Stephen Conroy, Peter Howson and others is anything to go by such academic theses would seem to be at least worth investigating, if only to shoot them down. You can test them for yourself by visiting Scottish Art Since 1900, Barbican Art Gallery, London EC2 (01-638 4141), Mon-Sat 10-6.45pm, Sun 12-5.45pm, Free, until April 16.

Bullock now joins Arthur Device and John Tomfinson as the new Merguerite. Colleges, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3181), 7.30-10.30pm, £3-£35.

⇒ LUCIA DI L'ARCESTRACOR: A revi production by Stephon Uniwh starts Opera 80's tenth as niversary restorne tour. Ivor Botton conducts the young traveling cast. Wywen Theaten, Swindon (0793 524481), 7,30-10pm, £7-£9.

ROCK

DAMEL LANCIS: French Canadian multi-Instrumentalist, renowned for his production work with UZ, Peser Gubriel, the Neville Brothers and Sob Dylan (On Marcy, Lariola released his own debut, Acadie, to critical accieim last year. Regni Festival Hell, South Bank, London SE'1 (01-589 8212) 7.30pm, E3.50-210.50.

* ERIC CLAPTON: After the serving blues shows with Robert Cray and Buckly Guy, three nights of sympho-rock foom as Clapton recruits the National Philliagmonic Circhestra and teckles a concerto for guitar writing for him by Michael Kemen (Edge of Darkness).

Dertanss). Royal Albert Hell, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 E212) 7.30(m, £11.50-£17.50, also tomorrow and Sat. A THE QUITEBOYS: Five Kent business sensity devoted to the Fod Sensant/Féces blasprint as exemptified by the hits "7 o'clock" and "Ney You". Their attum, A Bit of What You Pancy, only just failed to reach No 1 this week. Junction 16, Walson! (1922 648100) 7,30pm, 25.

DANCE

☆ CROSS CURRENTS: New work by images Dance Company.
The Place, Dukes Rd, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8pm, £8. th LA TRAVIATA: André Prokovsky's denced version for London City Ballet.

The Hergeon, Casen's Walk, Rending (0734 390123), 7.30pm, £7.50-£10.50. ** KARIN YYYCKE: Bulgian dencer in her own work Sous les Villaments Blancs.

A PLORA PURIM & AIRTO: Whistles churns and fusion as the Latin couple approach the end of their residency. Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St. London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £10 (members £2). To Sat.

★ WAYNE BATCHELOR: The Jazz Warriors/Reggae Philharmonic bessist leads a quariet featuring alto player Brian Edwards. Bass Clef, 35 Coronet St. London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £3.50.

★ GEORGE MELLY: Too often taken for granted, Good Time George and John Chinon's Feetwarmen canter through the blues catalogue. University of Warwick Arm Cer Gibbet Hill Rd, Coventry (0203 417417/414924), 8pm, £6.50.

GALLERIES

ALICE MAHER: Recent works exploring the possibilities of combining painting and drawing with installation.

Arts Council Gallery, Bedford St. Belfast (0232 321 402), Tues-Sat 10am-Som free, until March 3.

TOM PHILLIPS: The conceptual artist's portrait paintings of friends and celebrities in the art world.

Mead Gallery, University of Warwick, Coventry (0203 523523), Mon-Fri noon-som, Sat 10am-8pm, free, until March 10.

Inspired by Italy and its art by a lecturer at the British School in Rome.

Albemarie Gallery, 18 Albemarie St,
London W1 (01-355 1880), Mon-Fri
10am-5pm, Set 11am-1pm, free, until
March 2. BERNADETTE KERR: Twelve paintings

NEW DIRECTIONS IN SCOTTISH SCILPTURE Works by nen young artists including Doug Cocker and Examinity McFall. Sculpture Court, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-638 4141), free, until

ABOUT FACE: Figurative paintings and aculptures by, among others, Christopher Greene and Adam Kops. Sue Williams Gallery, 320 Portobello Sue Williams Gallery, 320 Portobello Rd, London W10 (01-960 6123), Tues-Sat 10am-5.30pm, free, until March 3.

OTHER EVENTS

cauline year for breeders, owners and dog lovers with judging in categories. Today: Poise and Utility, tomorrow: Gundogs, Sat: Terriers and Hounds, Sun: Working Dogs and Best in Show. Earls Cast Europhoa Centre, Warwick Rd, London SWS (01-373 8141). Open deity 8.30em-5.30pm, Admission before 3.30pm adults £5, châd £2.25, after 3.30pm, adults £3.50, child £1. PHEMERA AND VALENTINE SALE:

Photographs and documents from the Amundsen-Ellsworth Polar Rights made Amundsen-Lasworm Polar Fagras ha in 1925 and 1925 are among the highlights of loday's sale. Also interesting lots of ephemera and created Valuraries. Creaters in South Kemington, 85 Ctd Brompton Rd, London SW7 (01-581 7611), 10.30am.

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DECORATIONS: A campaign medal awarded to Sgt Milne, ordered to guard the rum supply shortly before the Zulu attack on Rorke's Drift in 1879, is one of University College School, Frognal, London NW3 (01-435 2215), 7.45pm, 25 on door. Proceeds to charity. the more interesting items in today's sale. It is estimated to tetch beween sale. It is esumated to retail between 25,000 and £8,000. The latter part of the sale comprises drawing and watercolours relating to the Second

World War. Sotherby's, 34-35 New Bond St, London, W1 (01-493 8080), 2-30pm.

WALKS ---

LEGAL LONDON - INNS OF COURT AND OLD BAHLEY: Meet Temple tube, 10.30am, £3.50 (01-937 4281). SECRET INTERIORS OF THE ANCIENT CITY: Meet Mansion House tube, 11an, 23 50 (01-937 4281).

A WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLDES: Meat Baker Street tube, 2.30pm, £3.50 (01-668

A GHOST PUB WALK: Meet Temple tube, 7.35pm, £3.50 (01-668 4019).

TALKS

SLADE LECTURE: "The Virtues of Women", a lecture by Dr Elizabeth McGrath of the Warburg Institute, London, on Rubens and Ancient History Oxford University, Lecture Thesin Taylor Institution, Oxford (Oxford 270009), 5pm, free.

LINIVERSITY LECTURE: "Schoolboys and Students in Ancient Egypt", by Protessor J.J. January. Lettership College London, Darwin Theatre, Gower St, London WC1,

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countryside as a peaceful contrast to the besieged city. The death of a 15-year-old schoolboy, killed accidentally by a plastic bullet, points out the theme of innocent victims which pervades much of the film. One of Grigsby's most effective shots, held for several seconds, is of the boy's house, silent and with its windows covered, after the funeral procession has left. There is no commentary, though this is not the same as saying that the words and images are left to speak for themselves. Indeed, the film takes a very clear position, blaming the Northern Ireland deadlock on the politicians in Westminster who have abdicated responsibility for the province and used the troops as a substitute for a policy. This may or may not be the case but it seems a pity that, having set out to avoid the political soap box, Grigaby should end up by standing on one.

In Notes in the Margin (BBC2, 8.20pm), the series of lively polemics

about the 1980s, Stephen Heath argues multiculturalism. Largely promoted by television, this subsumed genuine, individual cultures into an international pap of game shows, music videos and satellite spectaculars. At the same time, and with the Rushdie affair in mind, Heath questions the power of single cultures and stresses the need for human rights as well as cultural ones. Along the way, echoing Marshall McLuhan's dictum that the medium is the message, Heath takes a swipe at the Eighties' preoccupation with style. For him this is epitomized by the Design Museum, housed in a redevelopment along the Thames having "nothing to do with community, roots or people's lives". 6.00 Coefex 6.30 BSC Breakingt Name with BSC Breatized Name with Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dundo, Includes regular news headlines; business news; sports reports; regional news; weather and travel information; plus a look at the morning newspapers with Paul Callan 8-35 Regional news and weather.

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10.40 This Monard, Magazine programme presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition Includes advice on problems facing the over-extiss. Dr Chris Steele on different birthing techniques; and ideas on helping a child learn to read. With national and framestional news at 10.35 and regional news at 11.35 followed by national weather.
12.10 The Middlers. For the young 12.30 Home and Alary, Carly falls for Matt in a big way and decides not to go back to London News at One with John Suchet.

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1.30 Wish You Were Here ...? (1).
(Oracle) 2.00 A Country Practice.
Australian medical drama serial

2.00 Win, Lose or Draw. Game show hosted by Danny Baker 3.25
Thames News and weather

3.30 Sons and Daughters. More drama from the lives of the Palmer and Hamilton families

4.00 Het Doy 4.15 Doyteries and the

Hamilton families

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Three Heathboards (r) 4.40 Press
Gang, Sam wents a new-look
graphics team — but who is going to
get rid of Claire? (Oracle)

5.10 Boath same with Bob Holness
5.40 News with Sue Carpentar. Weather
6.00 Nome and Away (r)
6.25 Theses Help, Jackie Spreckley
with Ideas on community fund-raising
7.00 Emnerdale. At the Woolpack,
vound people are on the werestin and

young people are on the warpeth and Amos tooks a rebellion 7.30 Survivez Rocky Mountain High. The flora and fauna of the high Rocky

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8.00 The Bill: Bloodsucker. PC Melvin and WPC Ford are called out to a domestic incident, but the wife refuses to bring charges against her husband. (Oracle)

8.30 This West: Sentence Without Trial. A documentary roout people who are incarcerated after being found "unfit to plead"

9.00 The Adventures of Sheriock House: The Red-Haaded Lague, Jabez Wilson successfully answers an advertisement for a job vacancy which offers £4 a week for "nominal services". But two months later it is a bewildered man who consults Sheriock Hotmes (r). (Oracle)

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10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gail and
Julia Somerville. Weather 10.30
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10.35 The City Programme. Will the
freeing of Nelson Mandela unlock
British investment in South Africa?
11.05 01- for Lumber Includes reviews
of A Clockwork Orange, and Arthur
Miller's play The Prics. Followed
by Cramestoppers.

by Crimestoppers
11.40 Priconer: Call Black H. Drams
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emotional problems discussed by experts

1.00 Superators of Wreating

1.45 News headines followed by Hollywood Wives. The first part of a mini-saces based on Jackie Collins's best celling novel about Hollywood's beautiful people.

While some of the biggest names of all gather for a colebrity gala in Philadelphis. a decapped youth men. all gather for a celebrity gala in Philadelphia, a deranged young man kills his adopted parents and heads for Hollywood to find his real mother. Starring Candica Bergan, Joanna Cassidy, Mary Crosby, Angle Dickinson and Steve Fornest (r)

3.30 Night Gallery: The Wasting Room. Gunfighter Sam Dichter rides past a hanging figure and enters a barwhere poker-playing occupants seem to know all about his past and his future. Starring Steve Fornest (r)

4.00 News headlines followed by Three's Company. Jack and Janet have a new flatmate when Critissy's country cousin, Cindy, drops in unexpectedly during her first visit to the city

4.30 America's Top Ten (r)

5.00 ITN Morning News with Richard Bath. Ends at 6.00

(BBC 2) 8.00 News 8.16 Westminster 9.06 Confex. 9.20 Daytime on Two: the Black

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4.00 International Snooker. The
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5.00 It Doesn't Heve to Hund (r).
(Ceetax)
5.10 Hortcore Encourage with Negtons

9.35 40 Minutes: Danger Mas. A documentary about a new "kid gloves" experiment on 10 of the

most dangerous and disruptive men in Britain's prisons 10.13 A Weke for Sam. Harold Pinter talks about Samuel Beckett and reads from the final pages of Beckett's prose trilogy The Unnamable

11.18 The Late Show includes an interview with Terry Hands 11.85

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12.00 The Parliament Programme
presented by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily
1.00 Seaame Street. Pre-school
learning series
2.00 Film: History is Made at Night
(1937, b/w) starring Charles Boyer
and Jean Arthur. A head waiter,
posing as a thief, saves a young
woman from ther insanely jealous
hushand. Directed by Frank Borzage
2.50 Somerset. Animated short
4.00 Not on Sunday presented by
Brian Redhead
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is
Nail Collins, a student from Horsforth
5.00 Treasure Hunt. Anneka filce
gushes around the Herifordshire
countryside (f). (Oracle)

gushes around the Heritordshire countryside (r). (Oracle)

6.00 Club X-tra investigates the latest dance styles and crazes (r)

6.30 Kate and Allie. American comedy starring Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin. This week, Kate pians a romantic weekend to find out if she and her ex-husband were made for each other after all (r)

7.30 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi

7.50 Comment followed by Weather

8.00 Painters to the People. In the final programme of the series, Christopher Wood looks at the Victorian period's most popular paintings

paintings 8.30 Brass, isobel Hardacre becomes

Lady Mountfast (r)

S.00 Traffit: The Courier. Extended final episode in which the imprisoned Fazai's only hope of release is for his family to become part of the trafficking operation (r). (Oracle)

19.20 True Stories: The Stient War (see

Choice)

11.25 Sumo. Japanese wrestling
12.00 Film: Asya's Happinese (1957, b)w). Andrei MikhalkovKonchelovsky's outstanding second film, with its realistic depiction of Soviet rural life, was barried for 21 years, only recently being released. Most of the cast are villagers from the film's location; there are only three professional

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2.00 Loving 2.30 A Problem Shared
3.00 Here's Lucy 3.30 Dennis The Menace
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SKY MOVIES

From 6.00am The Shopping Chares 2.00pm: I Don't Know Who I Am: An adopted teenager decides to find out who her real parents are 3.00 The Rocking Chair Rebellion: A teenager learns to respect the older

generation 4.00 Top Cet and the Beverly Hills Cate: Animated tale 6.00 Emest Goes to Camp (1987): A

bumbling handyman is desperate to become a camp counsellor 7.40 Entertainment Tonight 1.40 Emercianing Transfer

8.00 Can't Buy Me Love (1987): A
taenager buys the affections of the school's
hading cheerleader for a week

9.40 Projector: Forthcoming movies on

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10.00 Those Deer Departed (1987): An actor returns to baum his murderous with
11.45 Angel Unchained (1970): An exbiker (Don Stroud) joins a hippie commune
with his girlfriend (Tyne Dely)
2.00am The Deliberate Stranger — Pert
One (1986): Chronicles the story of mass
murderer Ted Bundy
4.00 The Shout (1979): A young man
claims he can kill with a shour, Ends at
5.20am

EUROSPORT

5.00mm As Sky One 8.30 Menu 9.00
Football 11.00 Boxing 1.00mm Golf:
Januaica Classic 2.00 Bedminton 3.00
Golf: US Skins Game 5.00 Golf: Januaica
Classic 8.00 Mobil Motor Sport News
6.30 Trax 7.00 Beskerbull 9.00 Ford Snow
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Adventure Hour 12.00 Bodybuilding

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1.00mm Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00em Powersports 8.00 ice Hockey 10.00 US PGA Golf 12.00 1989 Ultimate Yacht Race 12.45pm French Rugby League 2.15 Spein Spain Sport 2.30 US College Basketball 4.00 Spanish Soccer
6.00 1989 Water Polo 7.30 Update; 1989
Argentina Football 9.15 Pro Bowlers
10.30 US Basketball 12.00 Powersports

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Fitness Minute 10.01 Search for Tomorrow 10.30 Slim Cooking 10.46 Spain Spain Holiday 11.00 Coffee Break 11.10 Edge of Night 11.35 The Great American Gameshows 12.50pm Style File 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.50 The Rich Also Cry 2.40 Search for Tomorrow 3.05 Tea Streek 3.10 Cinems 4.45 The Great American Gameshows

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RADIO 1

PM Stereo and MM News on the half-hour from 5.30am until 4.30pm, then at 7.30, 8.30 and 10.00pm 5.60am Jakki Brambles 6.30 5.00mm Jakki Brambles 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbest 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 News 90 6.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Top of the Pops (with BBC1) 7.30 Philip Schofield 8.30 John Peel 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Richard Skinner

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MMV
News on the hour
Headines 5.30am, 6.30,
7.30, 8.30
4.00am Alex Lester 5.30
Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson
9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy
Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.60
Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Adrian
Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The
Best in Country Music 9.05
Paul Jones 10.00 Pull the Other
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RADIO 3

6.85cm Weather and News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Debussy (Petits suite: Alfons and Aloys Kontarsky, pianos); Vivalof (Double Cello Concerts in 6 minor. RV Concerto in G minor, RV 531: I Musici de Montréel directed by Yuli Turovsky, cello, Alain Aubut, cello) callo, Alain Aubut, cello)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
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Socitish Baroque Ensemble
under Leonard Friedman);
Debussy (Sonata for fluts,

under Leonard Precinent;
Debussy (Sonata for flute,
viola and harp: Members of
the Academy of St Martin
Chamber Ensemble); Ivert
(Concertino da camera for
alto saxophone and 11
instruments; Paul Kuentz

8.35 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Haydri — Music of the
1780s. Concerto in G for
two lire organizzata, H VIII
3 (Hugo Ruf, šra, Susanna
Lautenbacher and Ruth
Nielen, violas, Franz Beyer
and Heinz Berndt, violas,
Oswald Uhl, callo, Johannes
forb viola da gamba. Oswald Uni, cello, obcarne Koch, viola da gamba, Wolfgang Hoffman and Helmuth Irmschar, horns); Sonata in C. H SVI 48 ((Andres Schiff, piano); Symphony No 82 "Bear" (Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment)

(Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment)

9.35 Sheitus: Langham CO under John Beckett performs Andante festivo: Two Humoresques, Op 85; Four Humoresques, Op 85; Falkasteva, Op 14)

10.15 Charpentier: Occasional Music. London Baroque, with Emma Kirkby and Evelyn Tubb, sopranos, Rogers Covey-Crump and Nigel Rogers, tenors, performs tolie sue le retour de santé du Roi; Epitaphium Carpentari)

10.50 Son and Nephew: Musicians of the Royel Exchange perform F.X. Mozart (Piano Quartet in G minor, Op 1); Rubin Goldmark (Piano Quartet) in G minor, Op 1; Rubin Goldmark (Piano Guartet) (1)

11.40 BBC Scatibsh So under Grant Lie-Shin performs Schumann (Overture, Scherzo and Finale); Hayde (Cello Concerto in C); Shostakovich (Symphony No 1)

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No 1)

1.00pm News

1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert
Live from St George's,
Brandon Häll, Bristol. The
planist Claude Frank
partorns Schubert (Sonata
in G. D 894); Chopin (Waltz
in C sharp minor, Op 64 No
2- Eentasy in F minor, Op



Peter Donohoe: conversation and solo (R3, 7.05/7.30pm)

2.00 Le Roi d'Ys: French Radio PO and Chorus under Armin Jordan, with Jean-Philippe Courtis, bass, Dolorès Ziegler, soprano, Barbara Hendricks, soprano, Eduardo Villa, tenor, Marcel Vanaud, berkone, Michel Piquemel, bass, Philippe Bohée, baritone, perform Edouard Lalo's opera in three acts. Sung in French thrae acts. Sung in French
4.19 Opus 20 String Ensamble
under Scott Stroman
performs Mendelssohn
(Octet in E flat, Op 20);

reland (Concertino 5.05 Wind Soloists of the CD of Europe perform Mozart (Serenade in C minor, K 388) (r) 5.20 Meinly for Pleasure with Roger Michols 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: Michael Hall in

Conversation with Peter
Donohon, the soloist in this
eventury Hulle concert
from Manchester
7.39 Halle Orchestra under Stanisław Skrowaczewski, with Peter Donohoe, piano, performs Schumann (Plano Concerto in A minor) 8.00 Conducted Tour, Howard Conducted Tour, Howard
Goorney reads a story from
Robert Roberts's The
Classic Skim, which depicts
Saltord early in the century
8.15 Bruckner, ed Novák
(Symphony No 3 in D minor)
9.30 King Cutler V: With Phylia
King and Ivor Cutler
10.10 Music in Our Time: Two
Americans. Spectrum under

Americans. Spectrum under Guy Protheroe performs Druckman (Incenters for 12 players); Wuorinen (New York Notes for seven 11.00 Composers of the Week: Alan Rawsthome and Matcolm Williamson (r) 12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

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News Shipping: Wasmer
6.10 Farming Today 6.25
Prayer for the Day (s) 6.36
Today, Incl 6.30, 7.50,
7.30, 2.00, 8.25) News;
6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.36
Yesterday in Partisment
8.57 Weather

9.05 Face the Facts (r)
9.26 All in the Mind: Professor
Anthony Clare with the
megazine devoted to
matters of the mind
10.00 News; The Natural History

Holm
18.45 An Act of Worship (II)
11.25 My Heroes: Citizens
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11.25 My Heroes: Citi Morgan
taks to playwright and actor
Colin Welland (see Choice)
11.50 First Person: Series of takes
by first-time broadcasters.
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nice between Featherstone
and Hull, ian Cizyton
rediscovers his chkinood
12.00 News: You and Yours: John
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3.60 News; Getting to Know Mr
Schmelgelow: Play by Peter
Terson (s) (see Choice) 4.00 News
LOS Scokshaft Nigel Fords
meets Brian Inglis and les
through the latest collection
of Marks Gallent's short stories, and A.N. Wilson

discusses his biography of C.S. Lewis
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Theatre; Duncan Bull on the
Weight of Derty crybiblion at Wright of Derby exhibition at the Tate Gallery; and an item on the Asian item on the Asian production of *Tartuffe* at the National Theatre (s) (r)

5.00 PM \$.80 Shipping Forecast

6.40 Six O'Clock News; Financial 6.30 Film Star: In the first of eight

6-30 Film Star: In the first of eight programmes, Alexander Water profiles Humphrey Bogart (r)
7-40 News 7-45 The Archers
7-20 Soundhack: Part 6: Shouads Next Buser talles to people who are either professional or amsteur gunusers and, in one case, a convicted bunk-nother (a)
8-69 Analysis: Look No Armet Eastern Europeen instability and Third World nuclear profiteration may gose a proliferation may pose a threat to planned cuts in Western defence. Prolifera Laurence Martin chairs a

Laurence Martin chairs a discussion on the options open to the West in the face of the changing world political chairs.

8.46 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for people with discolition. Presented by Kati Whiteler.

9.18 Kaleidoscope: Includes seviews of Uno Chivo's

9.15 Kaleidoscope: Includes reviews of Uno Chiyo's broke Comessions of Lowe and Devid Hare's new play Racing Demon at the Cottesion Thesers, London; and lan Christie provides a round-up of Third World films, including Yashs, Plravi and Sur (s)

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10.45 A Book at Beanine: Lave Lassons, by Joan Wyndham

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Peter Davalle

 All these years that he has been writing (Chariots of Fire, Yanks, etc.) and acting (Z Cars, etc.), Colin Welland has been neglecting another string to his bow. He employs it to great effect in this week's My Heroes (Radio 4, LW, 11.25am).The man is a born



Born raconteur: Colin Welland reminisces (R4, LW, 11.25am)

don't just have the ring of truth; they play a whole peal of bells. BBC Radio should give him a story-teller's series of his own before somebody else does and, to set the wheels in motion, I offer a title: Welland Truly. His actor-writer skills are in evidence this morning in his reminiscences about Lord (formerly Donald) Soper, actors Richard Burton and Ian Charleson, and rugby league winger Brian Bevan.

Getting to Know Mr
Schmeigelew (Radio 4, 3.00pm) is actually Getting to Know Mr Beaton. In Peter Terson's play, we learn little about the eponymous Danish tradesman, but quite a lot about Cecil Beaton, who worked briefly, and reluc-

tantly, as a junior clerk in his

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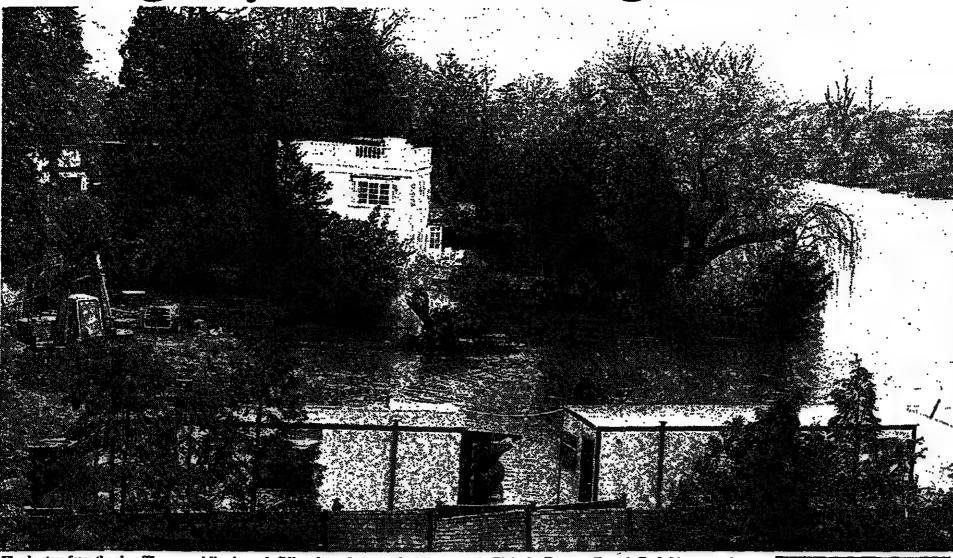
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Floodwaters from the river Thames swirling into a building site and threatening a home on the Fisheries Estate at Bray, in Berkshire, yesterday.

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Wales some roads were under five feet of water. Homes and shops were flooded and British Rail services from Cardiff to Aberdare were halted. Mountain Ash was marooned when as the River Cynon burst its banks. In Cardiff low-lying areas were on alert.

In Gwent, road and rail routes were disrupted. A South Wales police spokesman described road conditions as "abysmal", and advised people to stay indoors. In the

West Country five Marines who required urgent medical attention for hypothermia were rescued from Dartmoor by helicopter, but conditions were so bad that another 10

had to stay overnight on the moor. Police imposed a ban on high-sided vehicles using the Severn Bridge after two vans were blown over and scores of roads were blocked by fallen trees.

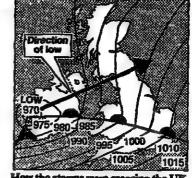
Flood warnings were issued on nine rivers, with three — the Dart, the Axe and the Teign — already

bursting their banks. The National Rivers Authority said the Wiltshire Avon was close to bursting its banks. Thousands of acres of farmland were

mouth, Dorset, was closed after waves hurled tons of shingle over the sea wall. In Somerset, more than 300 homes were without power as heavy winds brought down cables.

Dover coastguards reported winds of up to 71mph. Cross-Channel hovercraft and Jetfoil services were cancelled. Folkestone harbour was closed and ferry sailings halted. In Newbury, Berkshire, the roof of a recreation centre blew down on children. More than 1,500 homes in the Liphook, Hindhead, Haslemere areas of Hampshire and Surrey were

A red alert was in force along the Thames between Wallingford, near Oxford, and Teddington, Middle-sex. More than 6,000 sandbags were issued to householders in Windsor.



Kohl's currency triumph in new stampede to unity

From Ian Murray, Bonn

prison cells).

terday agreed to help smooth Germanies in an effort to save the East German economy (In Bremen the flow has from total collapse. caused such an acute housing

Karl Otto Pohl, the bank's president, agreed to join a special committee being set up takeover of the East German currency. Only hours before, been telling West currency union was sory". His change of heart introduced at once. Herr Pohl came after attending a Cabinet would also like to see an early session yesterday when Herr undertaking to reform the East Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, German taxation system and

argued forcefully that only the to end the huge state subsidies there. Only in those circumrapid replacement of East Germany's worthless currency stances does he believe that currency union can succeed in stabilizing the economy, in encouraging Western invest-ment and thus in stopping the needed to stop the flood of economic refugees pouring west at more than 2,000 a day.

At best such reforms will take time to have effect and it shortage that refugees are is doubtful if they could be being accommodated in successfally introduced before the East German election on March 18.

have promised to insist next Tuesday, when he meets Herr who would have to administer Hans Modrow, the East Gercurrency union, is still worried that the strength of the Deutschmark would be underman Prime Minister, that a free market economy must be mined by a hasty merger. Nevertheless, under orging from Herr Kohl, he agreed to take part in the exercise

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

a. A chariot yoke
 b. Emphatic repetition of a word
 c. A chain bridge

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SECURIFORM a. Security guard's uniform b. Axe-shaped

b. A portable bed c. An aromatic oil

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Gorbachov's revolution

Monopoly on power ends

that the strength of the party iay in its unity, and gave warning of the dangers of the

party becoming "an amorphous organization like a polrtical club" before calling for the expulsion of party members who took part in "anti-

Earlier, he had defended that he had decided to use strongest words, however, unity and unification. The force against civilians in Toi- were reserved for the German new status of the German lisi without President Gor- question. There was a growing question has aroused danbachov's knowle The decision, he said, had been taken unanimously by the Politburo, "including Gor-bachov, Ryzhkov, and com-rades Yakovlev and Shevardnadze".

The Tbilisi incident, in to see on the horizon the which more than 20 people possibility of a Germany with

dred injured by toxic gas, has tary potential," Mr Ligachov reformists have tried to beat

By associating Mr Gorbachov and two leading polit-buro reformers with the k part in "anti-nationalist effectively questioning the good faith of his ideological

pace on German reunification - "in effect the swallowing-up of the German Democratic Republic".

"It would be unforgiveably shortsighted and mistaken not

some of Mr Ligachov's sentiments, saying: "The ghost of revanchism is walking Europe Some of Mr Ligachov's arm-in-arm with ideas of of frontiers."

> But later, as his talks with Mr Baker began, he said that Moscow was willing to discuss with Bonn West German proposals for a united Germany that would be a member of

Political sketch

Very little ado about not much

"Mr Speaker our relations to China pretty quickly, with Papua New Guinea are China will take it anyway: good." From the Commons and unlike Argentina, China Chamber one could not hear would beat us. Perhaps the Foreign Office the cheers on the floor of the Stock Exchange as dealers think this idea has not went crazy at the news. But occurred to Peking and we had the wires buzzed: "Junior better not put it into their Minister Francis Maude dis- heads? pels doubts over relations
with Papua New Guinea. Buy
So both sides of the House
subscribe to the (implicit)

guano-futures. Sell shrunken Young Mr Maude is the Government's leading practitioner of minimalist prose. A dry chap, his minimalism is underlined by a minimalist physique and increasingly sure touch. He would not be drawn on the Papua New macy but it's intellectually Guinean economy, about nauseating which Salisbury's Robert Key Much of the time remains had asked. It's a big issue, in ing was spent in heated

me from drugs to bananas." encourage "crop-substitution" in the drug-producing world. Apparently you take groups of the Bolivian peasantry aside and explain that it would be much better if they would story envoyed at 5. would grow sprouts, at 5 pesos a bushel, than cocaleaves, at 100 pesos an ounce. playfully with Mrs Teresa

Kong "In my recent visit to gees were having in getting Hong Kong" replied Hurd into America. William Waldegrave anybody who shared that proaches his brief with a sort view". Everybody laughed. It is always safest to laugh at Mrs Gorman, otherwise

one might have to answer her. And indeed the propo-sition that we should launch Hong Kong as an indepen-It is instructive that this is

never explained but rather acces chuckled-off with a sort of 'Ho, he! Of course we don't H.M. Government explained that we are ceding Hong Kong where we defended

Secretary carnestly disputes with his Labour Shadow Gerald Kaufman, over the in the colony - as though the minimalist hair. Yet he has a future had anything to do sure touch. He would not be with us. It's sensible diplo-

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Douglas Hurd was more South African president, Mr. playful. "I rather think" said de Klerk, had shifted because the Foreign Secretary to Mrs Thatcher had been Bowen Wells (C, Hertford & understanding to him, or Stortford), wagging a rhetori-because the rest of the world cal finger in a manner that had been beastly. As it is as was half scolding and half co- plain as day that you need quettish, "that my honour both, the matter is incapable able friend is subtly leading of determinate conclusion of determinate conclusion." Mr Wells was anxious to for parliamentary debate

- sorry, the word is "refu Mr Hurd dealt equally Russia. The Liberal Spokes Gorman (C, Billericay) who had asked Minister of State had asked why we did not William Waldegrave about give independence to Hong the problems Russian refu-

> of Wittgensteinian intensity Brow furrowed, and halt ingly, he offered a thought of which the great philosopher himself would have been

"The right to leave a country" the minister observed, "is not the same as a

need to say why ..."

But perhaps we do. Perhaps it would be better if the
damental human right to spend the rest of your life in the transit lounge at Kennedy International Airport.

Matthew Partis

King refuses assistance

inquiry conducted confi-

Port Stanley for the simple

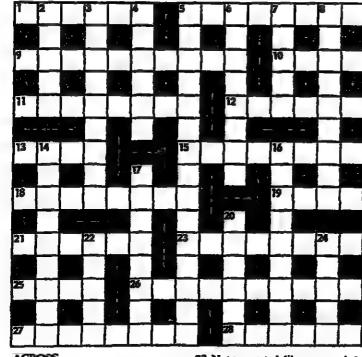
dentially." This confirms the Government's stand that the only inquiry needed is that by Mr David Calcutt, QC, into Mr Wallace's dismissal from the

Civil Service. The defence committee will

But it has not ruled out a ordering Mr King and Mr Wallace to give evidence.

If Mr King defies requests for co-operation, it will prevoke an unprecedented breach of relations between the committee and the Ministry of Defence.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,212



1 Managed to disconnect telephone system in a London street (6).

some camels (8).

9 Detain for talk, taking objection to new opening (10). 10 Opinion of Forster's room? (4). 11 Young gangster unhappy about family having explosive (8).

12 Agreement obtained from doctor by youth leader (6). 13 Came to blows, say, in the trading-station (4).

15 University involved in dissec-tion of Latin American mollusc 18 Resolute beginning restricts law-breaking (8).

19 A noble fist! (4), 21 For Caesar this vessel caused a

temporary setback (6).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,211 COLONIST T H C M OVERMEAR M P N R E 23 Not supported, like an organist's stool (8). Some vagrants in an Indian city

could be (10). 27 Model for first toaster (8).

28 Retired chap absorbed by prac-tical hobby making cloth (6).

2 Vehicle traffic (5).

agram (6).

3 Clear up in a South African province before making a delivery (9). 4 Creature put on explanatory di-

5 Sensational mistake, admitted don -- had to correct it (5-3-7). 6 Loony found under large box a well-worn joke! (8).

7 Sound assessment of a theatre show (5), 8 Filled with wonder, as we may be before 2 (9).

14 Unacceptable strictness, we hear, in a boat (9), 16 Vulgarity of one style of furnishing accepted by miners (9).

17 They're played by ugly old women around Fife (8). 20 A vehicle embittered extremists maltreated (6).

22 A pile farmers make - and make fast! (5). Lightweight girl first to perform (5).

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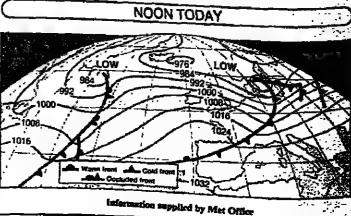
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tors, who include the chairman, Lord Gowrie, the former Arts Minister, and Mr Melvyn Bragg, the television person-

ality, planned to report soon with an independent valua-

tion of RUG's assets, and

shareholders were meanwhile

consultation beforehand. We

would have preferred the whole thing to have been debated within the company.

We aren't going to be bull-

dozed into giving our views

until the non-executives have

taken all the necessary advice

to form a proper view on what shareholders should do."

Mr Lloyd Webber said he disliked the necessity of in-

forming the Stock Exchange of

his every move as well the resulting publicity. He was "bored" with the City and the

necessity of deciding the direc-

tion for the company, having

moved back on to the board

He was also keen to create a

"not so overily commercial" body of work. "My worry was that the company itself hasn't succeeded in really producing

another major profit stream. We can't rely for ever on works like Cats. It was all

resting on one person who was

perhaps veering off in another

He "80 per cent accepted" the view of Salomon Brothers,

his merchant bank, that the

company should never have

direction," he said.

after Mr Brolly's departure.

advised to take no action.

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8 1990

Executive Editor David Brewerton

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Exchange index 89.2 (~0.1)

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Market report, page 30

Societies aid scheme at Regalian

Regalian, the property devel-oper, has assembled a panel of building societies and banks to provide mortgages for its £180 million 50-50 London home

The list includes Chelten ham & Gloucester building society, which has already joined forces with Fairclough Homes in a similar scheme,

Halifax building society is also backing the scheme de-spite having called in the receiver last year to a Dock-lands project it had financed for Kentish Homes. A large number of Regalian's flats are in Docklands, although there are some in Battersea, Chelsea and Westminster,

The other building societies are Alliance & Leicester and Nationwide Anglia. The com-pany is also understood to be

talking to Abbey National. Banque Paribas and Banque Nationale de Paris are backing the scheme, as is John Charcol, the mortgage broker.

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TOURIST RATES

Government inspectors are to investi-gate BOM Holdings, the furniture re-

tailer and property group, and nobody is more pleased than BOM shareholders. Mr John Welland, secretary of the BOM Shareholders Action Committee, which has campaigned for the appointment of inspectors, welcomed the de-cision by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade Secretary. He said: "I'm very pleased. But just because we have won one battle, it doesn't mean the war is over."

The Department of Trade and Industry move follows intense pressure from BOM investors, whose shares have been suspended since January last year. The shareholders were incensed last year by the company's announcement that its Just Leather and Roselodge Kitchens subsidiaries were in receivership and that it had contracted to sell its remaining asset, a 400-acre site at in negotiating planning consent for lous and without foundation".

Kingsnorth, Kent, for just £12 million

The disposal plans had not been submitted to shareholders for approval. Mr Welland's five-man committee believes the Kingsnorth site could be worth at least £70 million with planning

permission for an industrial estate. The inspectors are Mr Christopher Brougham, QC, and Mr Raymond Turner. The inquiry is to be under

The Kingsnorth site, bought in 1922, was home to a bitumen refinery until 1964. This longstanding use means that it could be used again for oil-related purposes and strengthens BOM's hand alternative uses. Rochester City Council has been considering an application on 300 acres of the site since January last year. A decision on the application is due in March. BOM intends to sell the site to Surelaunch, a private company controlled by Mr John Morris, chairman of Therm-A-Stor, the double glazing

Mr Michael Lucas, BOM chairman.

of Albancode, the holding company for Just Leather and Roselodge Kitchens. Yet Albancode was bought from a company controlled by Mr Lucas. Andersen said BOM's claim was "ridicu-

Few aspects of love as 'bored' composer's buyout angers directors Lloyd Webber

unveils £50m plan for RUG

Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber has is due to expire in January, finally released plans to take 1993, depriving the company, his Really Useful Group pri- as it stands, of any work pro-

market multi-million pound musicals such as Cats, Evita

and Aspects of Love.

His reasons include boredom with the City, a desire to write more serious works and a suspicion that RUG should never have been floated. The buyout plan touched off an angry response from the

non-executive directors, who claimed they had not been properly consulted.

Talk of plans to buy out shareholders first emerged last October. Mr Lloyd Webber is said: "There wasn't much

now borrowing about £50 million from Coutts & Co to fund a leveraged buyout which will make a final offer of 233p a share, giving an historic exit multiple of 15.4 times and valuing the whole group at £77.4 million. There is a loan note alternative.

Other shareholders, including an estimated 3,000 mem-bers of the public and Mercury Asset Management Group, the fund management group, with 17 per cent, are being given little choice, however. Newco, the shell company

being used by the composer to take RUG private, already has a controlling majority of 52.5 per cent, having bought Mr Lloyd Webber's holding of 38.1 per cent and the stake of 14.4 per cent taken by Mr Robert Maxwell.

He emerged as a surprise shareholder last August, having bought the former holding of Mr Brian Brolly, founder and former managing director, who left after a boardroom row in October, 1988. The publisher eventually accepted the 233p per share. This compares with an

equivalent of 110p at which the company was floated in a tender offer in 1986. Mr Lloyd Webber's contract

has yet to issue final trade figures for 1989.

US-Soviet trade talks are

Seating plan: composer Andrew Lloyd Webber announces his proposals to take Really Useful Group private yesterday at the offices of Salomon Brothers

Insurers face £5bn storm damage bill

tensive damage caused by storm on January 25. storms battering Britain and much of the continent in the past two weeks are now thought likely to top £3 billion for UK insurers alone.

But the total bill facing worldwide insurers for flood and wind damage has been estimated at more than £5 billion, according to Mr Peter Constable, a reinsurance analyst at Robert Fleming, the

brokers. Lloyd's of London - still Hugo, Piper Alpha, the San Francisco and Australian earthquakes and Britain's 1987 hurricane - is expected to shoulder more than half of

the total British bill. Lloyd's, with leading Euro-pean insurers such as Munich have reinsured themselves. RE and Swiss RE, also faces a large exposure to damage in the continent, which has been

Robert Fleming, which yes-terday downgraded its 1990 profits estimates for the British composite insurers, put the

We expect total UK losses to hit around £3 billion, especially with more storms UK and continent as a whole," said Mr Constable.

Mr David Hudson, an analyst with BZW, added: "No to £160 million. one really has a clue yet about 1987 hurricane — £3 billion is about right for the UK alone." profits, should the storms continue. He said Lloyd's would be hit with more than half of the Sun Alliance, which lost

known how much syndicates Robert Fleming, which said it expected shares in composite insurers to fall by about 25

Insurance claims for ex- the aftermath of the first slash hundreds of millions of tions manager at Sun Alliance. nounds from profits through- said: "We're not looking at out the sector, leading to premium rate rises by the second half of 1990 and into 1991.

The broker has cut its damage for the first storm at £1.5 billion in Britain alone. forecast for profits at Sun Alliance, Britain's biggest in-surer of household buildings and contents, by £75 million to £175 million. It has lopped forecast, with estimates of £5 £50 million off Royal Inbillion on the low side for the surance to just £125 million. General Accident, one of Britain's biggest property insurers,

Mr Constable believes reing from \$15 billion (£8.8) the final bill, but it will be surers are likely to increase billion) losses from Hurricane much greater than the October their rates, making a further

has been put back £40 million

Sun Alliance, which lost burden, but how much more is £160 million in 1987 and still unclear as it is still unsignificantly top its £110 million reinsurance cover, said it is unlikely consumers will suffer an immediate hike in

premium rates. Mr Fraser Fundell, operahit far harder than England in per cent, expects the storms to

premium rises just yet, but if it looks as though weather damage claims are increasing in frequency, then raising pre-mium rates will have to be

But Mr David Coleridge the chairman of Sturge, the largest managing agent at Lloyd's, said premium rates for household and contents insurance could rise between 20 per cent and 25 per cent during 1990.

He said: "It's difficult to get specific projections from composites on premium rates: they all say they are reviewing the situation because they don't want to lose market

"Reinsurance rates are likely to rise first, forcing premium rates up later. Mr Fundell added that Sun Alliance had received 123,000 claims up until Monday. However, their value is slightly less than for the 1987

Mark sent higher by Soviet reforms

By Colin Narbrough

The mark, which has benefited persistently since the Iron Curtain started to roll back last year, surged close to a two-year high against the dollar, although the US cur-rency staged a technical rebound late in the day.

The rise was triggered by the Soviet Communist Party's adoption of plans to end its 70-year monopoly on power plus West Germany's offer of immediate talks on economic union with East Germany.

Sterling, which in recent weeks recovered to levels last seen before Mr Nigel Lawson resigned as Chancellor in mark strength. It closed 0.1 point down on its tradeweighted index at 89.2 and almost a pfennig off at DM2.8119, but above the day's low, DM2.8050. Against the dollar, it fell 15 points to \$1.6985, having shown little movement all day.

The Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin, out today, may give new direction to sterling. Comment, page 25

US goods deficit down The US merchandise trade deficit narrowed by nearly \$10

billion (£5.88 billion) last year to about \$110 billion and should show a "gradual de-crease" this year, Mrs Carla Hills, the US Trade Representative, said last night. The US Commerce Department

Committee that progress in slowed and that freer international markets would still leave America with a deficit, unless there were macro-economic policy adjustments.

due to start in Washington next Monday.

Marshall 'failed' on power plans By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Lord Marshall of Goring yes-terday told MPs he should in reliable nuclear power sys-have spoken out publicly against the Government's ment decision to cancel the

power privatization plans as programme to develop a net-soon as they were announced. work of pressurized-water-Lord Marshall, who re- cooled reactor power stations

signed as head of the Central Electricity Generating Board because of the Government decision to withdraw nuclear power from electricity pri-vatization, said criticism of power stations and actively the Government plans as promoted the American-de"spatchcock" legislation was fair. He also felt he should the bad planned to build have publicly attacked some proposals put forward by Mr Cecil Parkinson, the former Energy Secretary.

was "very bad." Lord Marshall consistently opposed the continuation of Britain's programme to build

five PWR stations for National Power before the Government withdrew nuclear power from the privatization He told the Commons En-ergy Select Committee - costs for nuclear fuel and which described Mr Parkin-decomissioning led to the City son's White Paper to privatize advising Mr John Wakeham the industry as spatchcock that nuclear power would be legislation — he had failed to

Mitsubishi joins St Paul's project

one of the largest Japanese property companies, is to join the consortium developing Paternoster Square, the controversial site surrounding St Paul's Cathedral, in London.

Tokyo sources confirmed that Mitsubishi is to come in as an equal partner in the £700 million scheme, alongside Greycoat, a City developer, and Park Tower Realty, a New York developer.

Greycoat, run by Mr Geoffrey Wilson, chairman, and Park Tower Realty, a private company run by Mr George Klein, have each invested £15 million of equity into the joint venture company which acquired the four-acre site for £150 million last year.

Mitsubishi will also inject portantly it is providing a loan co-ordinating the plan.

Mitsubishi Estate Company, package. The size of the loan is undisclosed, but it is thought to secure the long term owner-ship of the site. It is a vote of confidence in the City market, in a week where Rosehaugh's £125 million rights issue had sent alarm bells ringing.

Paternoster is Mitsubishi's second large international purchase. Last November it paid \$846 million (£497 million) for a 51 per cent stake in the Rockefeller Group. Mr Wilson and Mr Klein

moved swiffty to diffuse the architectural dispute that surrounded the site. The Arup masterplan was scrapped and Mr John Simpson, a classical architect, was brought in. He has been joined by Mr Thomas Beeby, a leading American classicst. Mr Terry £15 million. But far more im- Farrell, the post modernist, is

Ridley decision follows pressure for inquiry from investors

DTI inspectors to investigate BOM

By Jeremy Andrews

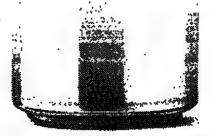
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section 432 of the Companies Act 1985, which allows general investigation of a company's affairs.

preferred not to comment on the appointment of the DTI inspectors, but said: "There is a perfectly legal, binding contract for the sale of the land."

Meanwhile, BOM is suing Arthur Andersen, the accountant, for £8.5 million in connection with the purchase





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Union manages to break out of high-rate, low-profit circle

By tripling its net profits in 1989, Union Discount has squared an age-old circle. The discount houses were once the simplest interest-rate play on the stock market. When rates rose, profits fell. Once they peaked it was time to buy, as

Union's 304 per cent increase in attributable earnings to £10.5 million, in a year when the base rate rose from 13 to 15 per cent, is a tribute to the sophistication of today's financial markets. The early success of the group's diversification also played its part.

The traditional discount

house operations increased net profits by 156 per cent by making full use of the futures market. Mr Graeme Gilchrist, the chief executive, made no secret of his bearish views on interest rates last year and the futures contracts Union sold allowed it to benefit from the two base rate hikes, despite pressure on interest margins,

Demand for short-term funds from institutions continues its break-neck growth, and on one day last summer pushed the company's turnover to £6.4 billion, more than 50 per cent above the previous record. When interest rates do start to fall, Union would appear to be in a position to make its book as long and profitable as it wants.

The real stars last year were the non-discounting businesses, where pre-tax profits grew 327 per cent to £6.71 million. Most of the growth came from equities and gilts market-making. A £3 million contribution from Winterflood Securities, the smaller companies market-maker, showed it is possible to carve a niche in even the most competitive industry. Aitken Campbell, the Glasgow gilts trader, demonstrated the joys

This year, Union's specialist leasing business should begin to contribute, and even Mr Gilchrist now believes there could be a base rate cut in the autumn. Discount house profits are difficult to forecast, but £14 million looks possible for the year, while the dividend, up 10 per cent this time to 33p, with a 21.5p final,



A little less bearish: Graeme Gilchrist, Union chief executive, who said yesterday there could be an autumn lesse rate car

an historic p/e ratio of 11, and a yield of 7.3 per cent. Sir Ron Brierley's 28.4 per cent stake ensures a premium rating, but a bid is far from certain. inexpensive none the less.

St Modwen

For a share that once hit almost 80p, the last three years have been dispiriting for St Modwen. Since the crash, the shares have gone precisely nowhere, meandering about a band of 30p-45p, offering opportunities to trade but little incentive to hold.

And yet the company, which builds commercial property, mainly in the Midlands and the North, has not put a foot wrong Since Mr Stan Clarke, the chairman, reversed three companies into Redman Heenan in 1986, profits have risen in copybook style. Yesterday's sparkling results - pre-tax profits al-mon doubled at £10.1 million and net assets per share up 41 per cent at 41p - continued the impressive trend.

It says much about the trough in which the property sector finds itself, that the

by doing precisely nothing. Mr Clarke is not a man to lose faith in the City. He ran a private business for 30 years and, having finally succeeded in his ambition of running a public company, has no plans

to return to the private arena. The figures suggest that investors could be missing out on a medium-term bargain if the shares continue to be coldshouldered. Gearing, at just 50 per cent, is modest enough for a company with such an active development side. The wide range of products built by the company means it is not

totally dependent on institu-tional sales for its profit, thereby ensuring a reliable stream of earnings. As to future growth, the plan is to stick to what the company knows it does well. but to increase market share. It might sound unexciting but it looks a great deal more prudent than expansion plans embarked on by others.

At 36p, the shares are on a historic p/e of 5.8 and stand at a 12 per cent discount to assets

Forecasts are difficult in the

shares - at 36p - celebrated current market, but Mr Clarke sounded a note of modest caution, not disaster, as some of his rivals have. One to tuck

BOM

News that DTI inspectors have been appointed at BOM company's 22,000 shareholders, however gratifying for the ginger group which has been pressing for an inquiry.

When the Stock Exchange ordered dealings to be sus-pended before Christmas 1988, BOM was attempting to issue a further 657 million shares to add to its existing 400 million share capital. The SE's move followed Press reports that the shares were being pushed by aggressive its action left shareholders without the protection of the

Last year, after failure to persuade the SE to relist its shares to enable a cash raising exercise, BOM's two main operating companies, Rose-lodge Kitchens and Just

that its principal asset, a 400had been sold for £12 million in cash and a 20 per cent stake in Surclaunch, the private company set up to buy the land. Investors were denied a chance to vote on the deal.

Suspension does not relieve a board of its obligations under the listing agreement. But it does remove the SE's only effective sanction for non-compliance with its rules.

The question of whether it is better to keep alleged rulebreakers inside or outside the club is raised once more Inside, they may be kept in line more effectively, although they gain authority through membership. Outside, they may get away with murder.

Meanwhile, BOM presses ahead with its £8.5 million suit against Arthur Andersen over the purchase of Albancode, the holding company for Just Leather and Roselodge Given that it was the BOM chairman who controlled the company which sold Albancode, the action against

Platinum₁ set for strong

By Colin Campbell Mining Correspondent

showing

Platinum is expected to remain a strongly-performing metal this year and, with the possible exception of gold, could well find itself at the head of the list among the other precions and non-fer-

rous metals performers.

Shearson Lehman Hutton, the securities house, in its annual review of the world platinum industry, forecasts an average platinum price of \$535 an ounce for the year.

During the course of 1989 he platinum price averaged \$509.88 an ounce and traded between \$465 an ounce and \$555 an ounce.

Last year the metal finished the year 6 per cent lower year-on-year, after 12 months of market activity.

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also suggests that if there are any bouts of speculative activ ity, then the metal's floor price during the course of this year should turn out to be solid at between \$465 and \$475 au

\$510.15 an ounce yesterday. Miss Rhona O'Connell and Mr Robert Davies, the analysts, say: "The level of investment demand - concentrated in Japan - will be the key to the market's overall

However, Japanese inves tors are again expected to be attracted to the precious metals sector, and investment demand should quite easily absorb any small surplus of the metal.

Expansion in demand continues to be fuelled by the increasing level of concern over environmental matters, and platinum's use for antipollution control.

An increasing number of countries have the contentious subject of emission controis on their agendas, and exhaust systems are expected to be under some kind of control on a global basis by the turn of the century. "During 1990, emission

control catalysts are expected to overtake jewellery as the major end-user of platinum,"

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

£12m hammering for gilt-edged market

Industry losses of £12 million forced four gilt-edged marketmakers to close last year as the amount of business in the market declined, the Bank of England reveals in today's Quarterly Bulletin. This is substantially better than the £190 million lost in the two years after Big Bang in October 1986.

The losses came as the gilts turnover fell by an average of £250 million a day to £4 billion. The amount of gilts existence of the state of the s leaving 19. The continuing losses and closures have reduced the GEMMs' capital from £595 million in 1986 to only £395 million at the end of 1989. The six largest firms now have 55 per cent of the market, up 5 per cent from last year.

French buy

cutting machinery, has acquired Morel, a French company based in Yvetot near Rosen, for Fr6.9 million (£718,000). Morel manufactures a range of grass sweepclearing open spaces and will be intergrated into Ransomes Commercial, which

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materials supplier and property developer, saw pre-tax profits slide from £504,000 to £366,000 in the six months to end-November on turnover up by 5 per cent to £2.36 million. Earnings per share fell from 1.6p to 1.16p, although the interim diridend is maintained at 0.48p. The USM-placed shares lost

Hazlewood expands

Hazlewood Foods is acquiring Luijckx Beheer for 25 million guilders (£7.8 million). The purchase will be satisfied by the issue of 3.31 million new Hazlewood ordinary shares conditionally placed by CCF Lawrence Prust with institutional lavestors at 218p per share. Luijckx, based in Zandert in the Netherlands, employs 110

people producing a range of chocolate products. It made pro-tax profits of FLA.06 million in the year to end-December, on turnover of FL19.84 million and net assets of FL9.37 milli Mr Deanis Jones, finance director, said the acquisenlarge the grocery products division in Europe. Jameel attack Govett fund

on Hartwell

Jameel, the Saudi Arabian group bidding £151 million for Hartwell, the motor has resorted in its defence nine-year profits record which failed to disclose a sharp fall in pre-tax profits m 1980 and 1981, and has included earnings from only the motor division.

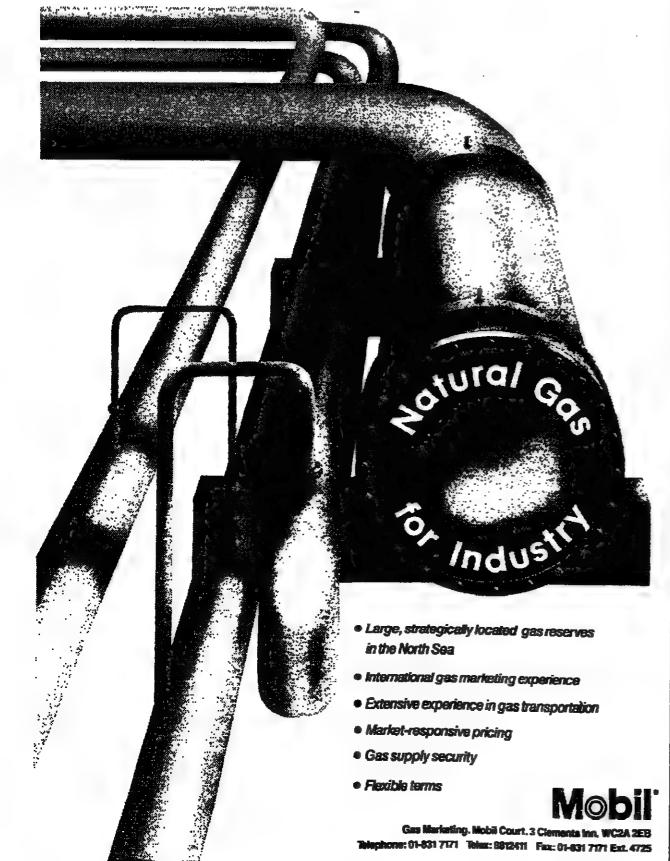
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John Govett, the fun management group, yes-terday mivelled its Hungar-Fund which is raising up to \$100 million (£58.9 million) to invest in the country's bees received for \$75 million and applications close next Wednesday. Dealings are due to begin on February 20.

Allied-Lyons has sold a number of its Normand motor distribution freachises to their existing managements and Phildrew Ventures for about £30 million, Mr Struan Wiley is to be chief executive of a newly-formed company called the Normand Motor Group, and will resign from the Allied-

The new business will cover eight pass commercial vehicles and two motorcycle marques. Phildrew Ventures will own 50 per cent, and Allied-Lyons will retain a 10 per cent stake. Pre-tax profits of £4 million are being forecast this year, on a turnover of £186 million.

In the pipeline



Berisford | British Gas defends prices in error over dates

Berisford International claims an "administrative error" occ urred in the compilation of its 1989 annual report sent to shareholders this week.

It says the March 7 date given for the resignation of Mr Mervyn Ansher from the main board was, in fact, the day he resigned from a number of group subsidiaries.

He resigned from the main board on May 10, the day his departure was reported to the Stock Exchange.

GPA target

GPA, the Shannon-based aircraft leasing group, wants to buy about 10 per cent of new aircraft production, not 25 per cent as quoted in The Times yesterday. As a result, it would keep its 40 per cent share of the aircraft leasing market, which accounts for about 25 per cent of the total new aircraft market

Europa stake

Europa Minerals Group has lifted its stake in Burmine, the Australian gold producer and explorer, from 19.8 per cent to 41.8 per cent for Aus\$8.3 million (£3.84 million).

Mine pull-out Bougainville, the mine in Papua New Guinea plagued

by attacks from tribesmen. says all employees are now likely to be evacuated.

ADT holding ADT now holds 14.7 million ordinary shares in Christies of the total share capital.

By David Young Energy Correspondent British Gas has answered criticism that it charges large industrial users of gas more than their European competitors have to pay.

It said the price has changed considerably in their favour over the past 12 months, compared with prices paid by their counterparts in mainland Europe.

The Commons Energy Select Committee is due to report next week into allegations of overcharging.

Figures collated by British Gas, which compare prices at January 1, 1990, show that industrial and commercial firm gas prices in Britain were close to the European average, and that prices for smaller gas loads were generally lower in Britain than elsewhere. British Gas, chaired by Mr

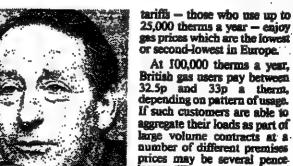
Robert Evans, said there had been significant increases in gas prices in most Continental



against overcharging claims

Robert Evans: awaits report countries during 1989. Gas prices to British industry had, by contrast, shown stability or an overall decrease during 1989 for the majority of customers. British prices had further declined in relation to Continental prices as a result of variations in currency exchange rates.

The January 1 figures show that customers in Britain who buy their supplies on gas



prices may be several pencelower still. Continental prices range between 27.5p to 32.7p in Italy, and 28.4p to 49p in West Germany. Customers using a million

therms a year in Britain pay atthe most between 27.7p and 28.8p a therm, again depending on the seasonal pattern of use. They, too, can lower the price significantly by aggregatng the load.

Continental prices range be-tween 23.7p in the Netherlands and up to 38.7p in

Most funds 'run curbs on SA'

By Graham Searjeant

South African companies and on British companies with a strong involvement in South Africa are widespread throughout Britain's pension funds, a new survey suggests.

Fund managers responding to the survey said that a majority of funds by value January from 29 fund manwere subject to some kind of agement groups responsible six of fund managers avoiding restriction on investment in for £130 billion of British South Africa operated because

Restrictions on investment in

The survey was carried out by Pensions & Investment viser on funds' social responsibility.

PIRC received replies between November and late

prohibition on South African enting nearly half the industry-

Nearly two-thirds ran funds with restrictions on investing Research Consultants, an ad- in British companies with South African interests, the most popular test being 5 per cent of group profits.

Most of the restrictions: were imposed by clients. Only six of fund managers avoiding South Africa and had a total pension fund money, repres-

Business as usual as the Argentine currency goes into freefall

Streetwise on the route Austral

From David Brewerton, Buenos Aires A small group of British Members of discussion here in the same way as house Parliament will return from Argentina

this morning with some tips for Mr John Major should sterling get into trouble during the run-up to the Budget. While Mr George Foulkes and others trotted along to do their bit for Anglo-Argentine relations by taking coffee with President Carlos Menem, the austral

went into freefall. In the space of a week the Argentine currency has dropped from 1,600 to the dollar to 3,000.

Such movements are hardly headline news in Buenos Aires, or anywhere else in Latin America for that matter. But yesterday's collapse of nearly 25 per cent before funch had the experts rushing about. The experts are found not in the Ministry of Finance, but on the streets.

Currency rates are a constant topic of

prices in Britain. Yesterday was no different. There was no particular air of crisis, but the queue at Lloyds Bank was longer than usual. People in bank queues were offered soft

currency for their places.

Along the still-fashionable shopping street, where Harrods can be found, there was a constant arbitrage on the rate. Lofty's, one of the hundreds of leather

shops in the centre of the city, was once again setting the rate at 2,900 early on, but others were lagging at 2,800. In the Sheraton Hotel, which probably sees more dollars than the central bank, the

best offer of the day was 2,300.
Shopping with credit cards was suspended for the day, unless the customer

consented to have his docket made up indollars. Shopkeepers here have long since wised up to the damage that credit card transactions can inflict on profit.

But there is a rush to spend, nevertheless, to convert cash to goods as fast as possible. In an effort to stem the flow, to flatten the spiral, the government con-verted savers' seven-day austral bank. deposits into 10-year, dollar-denominated bonds.

The bonds are now trading at about 35 cents on the dollar, and there is a runous they will be reconverted into 90 day austral deposits.

Nobody bothers to get angry any more. They still have the tango, and French champagne on the supermarket shelves

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Forecast for Yardley sale slashed to £350m

SmithKline Beecham, the Anglo-American pharmaceuti-cals combine still struggling to find a buyer for its cosmetics brands, is unlikely to receive more than £350 million compared with original expecta-tions of about £800 million for

Mr Bob Bauman, the chief executive, admitted that the proposed sale of the group's cosmetic businesses "is not going as well as wished," and confirmed that SKB is expecting to receive "far less" than originally sought

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In Tokyo at the launch of the group's Japanese subsidiary, SmithKline Beecham Seiyaku, Mr Bauman blamed overall softness of the market" for the absence of potenoperations, which include the Yardley, Léntheric, Margaret Astor, Monteil, Lancaster and Montana brands.

buyout sector.

Analysts, will graded the explored the explored to £450 million.

Mr Bauman, who last autumn was still hoping to sell the division to one buyer for £600 million before admitting in December that SKB would receive significantly less than originally expected, said the group now expects much less.

After initially running into difficulties finding a buyer last autumn, SKB opted to split its cosmetics division into separate European and British units, with a consortium backed by management and led by Mr Bernard Nicholson, the Yardley chairman, still thought to be a likely con-tender for the British side

Analysts, who had downgraded the expected price-tag to £450 million in December, now say SKB would be lucky to receive between £300 million and £350 million for both

"Companies are finding it hard to find buyers even for a longer period of time." good businesses right now. Even if they look very cheap, the problem would-be buyers face is how to pay for it," said a cosmetics and household products analyst at BZW.

It is believed SKB's efforts to sell the cosmetics divisions have also been thwarted by the recent sale of rival cosmetic businesses, such as Fabergé and Elizabeth Arden which Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch despite well-publicized diffi- group, bought last summer for

culties in the management \$1.55 billion (£912 million). Unilever, Revion of the US France's L'Oreal and Japan's Shisedo have reportedly not shown any interest either in the British side or the continental operations.

But Mr Bauman has not given up hope. "We believe it will be a success but it will take

SKB, which in December sold its UHU adhesives business for £97.5 million as well as its North American Calgon household products business for £66 million, needs the proceeds of the cosmetics disposal to reduce a gearing of about 200 per cent.

"It had pledged it would get its gearing down to 100 per cent by its financial year-end," said an analyst.

SKB's shares fell 7p to 537p.

Swiss bank on Midland chief



Mr Rudi Rogal, left, Midland Beak Corporation's Felix Feligmann mural in director at Midland Montagu banking and securities basi- border acquisitions.

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Morton man set to join

By Graham Searjeant Financial Editor

An oil industry executive with a reputation for tough and innovative methods of organstrong favourite to join Eurotunnel as executive director in charge of the tunnel construction contract with Transmanche Link

Mr Alastair Fleming, a director of BP Exploration, was previously a protegé of Mr Alastair Morton, co-chairman of Eurotunnel, at Britoil. where Mr Morton made his own reputation as its first

Mr Fleming is credited with the successful development of the Clyde Field for Britoil ahead of schedule by use of new project management

These involved using the former Linwood car factory near Glasgow to bring the engineering and design teams of all the main sub-contractors for the project under one roof. This practice has since become widely used on big resource projects.

The recruitment of Mr Fleming is likely to depend on his job specification, his executive authority and his relationship with Dr Tony Ridley, the British joint managing director, who is responsible for the contract under the joint chairmen.

TML has a good relation-ship with Dr Ridley, who has long experience of underground railway projects, but it has been pressing for a chief executive with full authority to take detailed contract decations for Eurotunnet.

It is understood that Mr Morton would also prefer Dr Ridley to stay. However, he wishes to retain a tough approach to the contractors if he stands back to concentrate on raising more than £1.5 billion extra funding.

Eurotunnel is due to raise a rights issue from shareholders not earlier than May for up to £500 million.

The latest Eurotunnel progress report said that a record five kilometres of tunnel was bored in January. However, M André Bénard

Eurotunnel's French co-chair man, said that more than 60 kilometres would have to be bored this year to meeting. construction targets.

The English end of the triple tunnel is slightly more behind

COMMENT

Lloyd Webber's exit is far from really useful

ike the proverbial clown who yearns to play Hamlet, Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber wants to be remembered for a more serious body of work than the middlebrow popular musicals that have made his fortune. But serious works, unlike Cats and Evita, do not pull in the crowds, and the composer has obligingly taken his Really Useful Group private rather than ask his loyal small shareholders

to weather the profits storm.

The use of the past tense is deliberate; the owners of the 47.5 per cent of the group not already in the hands of Mr Lloyd Webber's bidding vehicle have been offered a fait accompli, not to mention the rough end of the conductor's baton. There are precious few courses of action open to the non-executive directors, not to mention Mercury Asset Management, which has 17 per cent, and the estimated 3,000 private shareholdera

The last management buyout to arouse controversy, as opposed merely to financial grief for its backers, was at Magnet. It prompted some useful guidelines from the National Association of Pension Funds, which wanted all information available to the insiders to be made generally available. The details of Mr Lloyd Webber's subsequent contract with the successor company have not been revealed, nor is there a three-year profit forecast, as favoured by institutional investors.

The NAPF suggested shareholders

should be told early of an impending buyout. Schroders, the merchant bank acting for the non-executive directors of RUG, only learnt of the terms some

eight hours before they hit the screens. Most essentially, the NAPF made much of the need to appoint strong non-executives and an independent financial adviser as early as possible. Schroders itself originally brought RUG to the market; of the four nonexecutives, one has links with the bank and two, Lord Gowrie and Mr Melvyn Bragg, are hardly on the board

for their high profile in the City.

Shareholders have little to complain about in the shares' performance, having doubled their money since early 1986. But assessing a fair take-out price is virtually impossible — hardly a single analyst looks at the group, even its own brokers are precluded from making a current-year forecast, while judging the value of any musical copyright remains an inexact science.

Had Mr Lloyd Webber wanted to exit the City on a high note, he might have considered another course of action; for example, a conditional agreement to purchase Robert Maxwell's shares subject to the acceptance of his offer by the minority shareholders in the light of an independent assessment of the company's earning power. This would have at least allowed those investors who have followed him and his productions so faithfully over the years to make up

No need to ape the mark

The sudden prospect of a new German currency union within months has set everyone in the West worrying. The French fear that an expanded mark could overwhelm the franc and all the other ERM currencies long before they have a chance to put a French hand on the levers of power through a unified European central bank. The British, and most others, are simply worried that they might have to raise their interest rates.

This will surely be the case if the dealers' short-term thinking carries the day. They have taken the line, customary in the foreign exchange markets since the days of dollar strength five years ago, that the prospect of higher interest rates in a strong currency makes it even more attractive. Up went the mark again.

But spare a thought for reality in Bonn, Frankfurt and Berlin. The opening of the East initially boosted the mark by offering an increased supply of skilled migrant labour and new markets. As events have moved on, the costs to the West German economy are becoming more apparent. Currency union, whether formal, of de facto, will bring Britain to do the same.

strain rather than gain.

That explains why Karl-Otto Pohl at the Bundesbank has been the voice of caution in the face of Bonn's fastgrowing enthusiasm. To politicians, the priority is to stop the flood of less productive East German immigrants and the drastic fiscal implications.

If some of the strain can be shifted from West German public spending and taxes, for which they are responsible, to the currency and monetary policy, which is largely down to Herr Pohl, so much the better.

None of this, however, argues that the mark should be stronger in the mediumterm. The Bundesbank will suffer no nonsense in its area of responsibility.

Herr Pohl fears that such revolutionary changes will undermine the basic historic strength of the mark as well as making higher interest rates certain in the short term. When responding to those higher interest rates, other ERM members might like to take this longer-term view and the dollar experience into account. That might suggest not slavishly following the Germans or the mark, which would help

St Modwen rises 89% but sounds a warning

The continuing strength of the Midland property market has helped St Modwen Properties, warning that the year ahead was likely to be more difficult for the property market, and the Birmingham developer, to lift pre-tax profits by 89 per cent to £10.1 million.

As the company continues to build an investment division, net assets per share have also risen sharply — by 41 per cent to 41p. The portfolio's annual rent roll of £3.8 million is, Mr Stan Clarke, chairman, says, enough to cover group

Mr Clarke also gave a

Bonus bans

probably in September." In-

deed, in the City Diary 12 months ago, when base rates

stood at 13 per cent, Gilchrist

was quoted as saying: "It has got to be painful. I shall feel

that monetary policy is work-

ing when I hear members of

my staff saying that they can't

afford to take their holidays."

And, clearly a man who bel-

ieves in putting his money where his mouth is, Gilchrist

has now gone so far as to give

his staff the wherewithal to

take their holidays. For on

Tuesday he told them that they would all — from the

messenger up" - receive a 9 per cent profit-related bonus.

"It went down quite well," he

holiday

blues

Union Discount shuns IEP board approach

Turnover rose 115 per cent The company has revealed to £37.2 million in the year to November. Earnings per share rose 77 per cent to 6.2p. The final dividend rose 75 per cent to 1.4p a share from 0.8p. No interim payment is made. last November.

Mr Clarke says the uniform business rate may stimulate the company's markets in the Midlands and the North. Tempus, page 24

Union Discount, the discount the company, so we refused." house, has rebuffed attempts Union's shares rose 18p to house, has rebuffed attempts Union's shares rose 18p to by Sir Ron Brierley, its 28.4 per cent shareholder, to join the board.

Union's shares rose 18p to 603p. At this level, IEP is thought to have made a paper profit of \$3.4 million.

that Sir Ron asked to nominate a representative from IEP Securites, his investment group, to become a director

However, Mr Graeme Gilchrist, Union's chief executive, said: "We did not think that an investment director of 33p, up 10 per cent. from IEP would add value to

Union's net profits rose 304 per cent to £10.5 million in the year to end-December. The result was helped by futures trading and a first-time contribution from Winterflood Securities. The final dividend is being raised 3p to 21.5p to make a year's payout



The ban on staff holidays at Looking over the figures Union Discount appears to have been lifted. With base have been lifted. With base rates now two per cent more than they were a year ago, Graeme Gilchrist, the genial chief executive of the discount house — which unveiled its

Uncharacteristically nervous and shead of the launch of his new wares — "This belongs in collection of footwear and clothing for Asda, George Davis, the ex-Next boss, was almost £3,000 at the one cash house - which unveiled its results yesterday - has con-cluded that "Major has the economy right on course." This time a year ago we were saying that the squeeze had to hurt and now the Chancellor is saying the same thing," he downed Asda champague and assembled City folk's most pizza, and made appreciative popular purchase was lingerie. says. "We are now much more optimistic - and think interest rates will start coming down in the final quarter,

Davis, the ex-Next boss, was described as "ecstatic" when till which had been opened up the preview party in Asda's for their convenience. "It new Roehampton flagship store drew to a close at 11 pm except for the fact that the

- two hours later than scheduled. The 250 analysts, share-holders and journalists And he also revealed that the downed Asda champague and assembled City folk's most learnt yesterday. The Top People's bank has never be-

nonetheless lent Lloyd

needed to take his company

private. "I banked with them

when I was at school," the

plained. "Tim Rice and I walked into their branch in fore been bracketed with the Fleet Street on a whim and likes of Charterhouse but has asked if we could open an account. To our surprise they Webber the £50 million

millionaire composer ex-

in question.

Blair's text for today If conglomerates analyst An-

gus Blair, from Kitcat &

Aitken, is overheard mutter-

ing verses from the Bible to

himself, you should not nec-

essarily draw the conclusion that he has become a bornagain Christian. For it is far more likely that he will be rehearsing his lines for a production of Seven Brides for Seven Brothers - based on The Sobbin Women by Steexcept for the fact that the cashier couldn't accept Amex

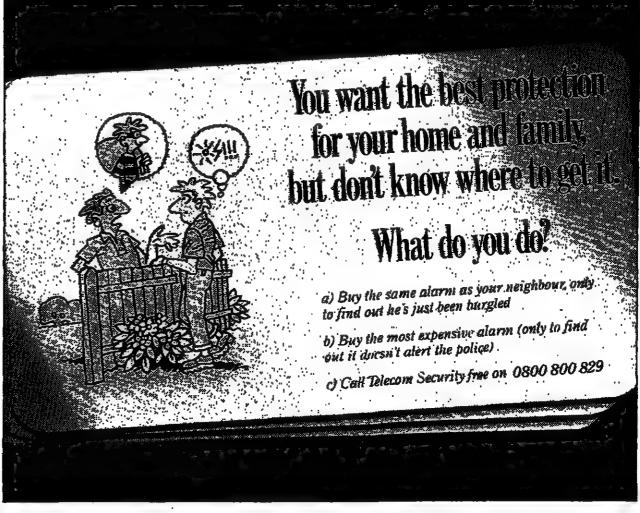
Lifted-off "He is in a meeting" must be the most common secretarial response to any reporter's request to speak to an evasive director on the telephone. But More O'Ferrall, the outdoor advertising contractor whose expected profits for 1990 have been downgraded by £1 million as a result of storm damage, came up with some-Cazenove. thing far more ingenious this week. The only director who was not abroad or simply "out of the office" - company secretary Peter Hall - was, a colleague was assured, "stuck

the afternoon during the day

phen Vincent Benet - being performed at Westminster Theatre, Palace Street, from February 20 to 24 by the Stock Exchange Dramatic and Operatic Society. And Blair, who plays a preacher, promises: "It won't be a village hall production, we've spent £15,000 on it." Other City notables among the 25-strong cast include Warburg market-maker Robert Jollye, and Jeremy Lewis, joint managing director of Seymour Pierce Butter-worth. The play is being directed by architect David Taylor, who is better known for having designed the tube station at Heathrow Airport's Terminal 4. And as for the tickets — which are priced at £5.50 and £6.50 - they are being sold by one June King, who, as luck would have it, works for a firm renowned for its placing power...

• Quote from a local newspaper in the United States: "Work is something that when we have it we wish we did not; when we do not have it we wish we did, and the object of most in the lift" at the company's of it is to be able to a Mayfair premises for most of to do any some day." of it is to be able to afford not

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Coutts coup

The management buyout at Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group was handled by none other than Courts & Co, a surprised City

By David Tweed, Sydney, and Angela Mackay

Westmen, the Australian parent of Charterhall, the British footwear and textile company, has gone into provisional liquidation with debts of about Aus\$200 million (£89

But Charterhall, which is 60 per cent-owned by Westmex, is still being supported by its main lender, the State Bank of New South Wales.

Charterball owes the Bunk of NSW about Aus\$75 million. However, the bank and Coopers & Lybrand, West-mex's provisional liquidator, are hopeful that the British company, which had its shares suspended at 9½p in Decem-ber, will stay in business.

CIBC Australia is owed about Aus\$15 million by Charterhall and Banque Nationale de Paris about Aus\$5

after National Australia Bank (NAB) broke ranks with other lenders and appointed a re-Westmex's key subsidiaries, ever, negative market senti-Ancol, the stationery comment has apparently undone Ancol, the stationery com-pany. Westmen has been ling since November when its shares started slip- preme Court was told yester-



oing on the Australian Stock

Goward, who controlled Westmex and Charterhall, would be the next high-profile entrepreneur to become the victim of high gearing in the wake of Qintex, Hooker Corporation, Chase Corpora-tion and Bond Corporation.

Mr Goward had often been quoted as saying he was only interested in unfashionable, recession-proof businesses er to one of with solid cash flow. How-

The New South Wales Su-

views fuel buyouts, says Bank

By Neil Bernett

moratorium agreed to by lenders, expired last Monday. Westmex said it was told Bank of England. In an article on venture that NAB had appointed Mr John Murphy of Arthur

Andersen, the accountant, as receiver to Ancol to protect a Aus\$13.9 million loan. The company sought to pre-empt similar moves by other creditors with a successful application in the NSW Su-

preme Court for the appoint-ment of Mr Tony Sheriock of Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, as provisional liqnidator to 13 companies in the Mr Murphy said last night

that he was preparing an information memorandum on Ancol to offer it for sale to recover the NAB's money. Mr Mark Chapple, Westmex's legal representative, said directors were not

prepared to concede any of the companies were insolvent. The court was told that Westpac Banking Corporation was another creditor. The hearing of Westmex's wind-up

Mr Goward said all of his companies' assets, as well as his own properties, were for sale to help raise funds to restore confidence.

Short-term

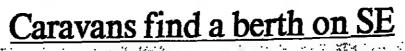
An increasingly short-term outlook among British venture capitalists has caused the surge in investment in manement buyouts, says the

capital in its Quarterly Bul-letin, published today, the Bank says that institutional managers have come under above-average short-term returns. This has led to concentration on manage-ment buyouts, which promise quicker exit routes, such as flotations, than start-up

In 1988, buyouts took up 62 per cent of venture capital funds, up from only 28 per cent five years before. In the same period, total venture capital investment surged to £1.01 billion.

However, the number of companies in which invest-ments were made grew by only 43 to 625 in the five years. The average investment grew from £392,000 to £1.6 million because of support for large

The Bank says that shorttermism is forcing venture capitalists to report more regularly to investors, offer minimum performance tar-gets, and eliminate initial gets, and investment fees.





Management will retain a 40% holding: John Eastwood, managing director of ABI Leisure

£30m price tag on ABI

It will join the Stock Ex-change with a capitalization of £30 million by way of a placing organized by NM Rothschild, the merchant bank.

Mr John Eastwood, the

caravan company, is to have a caravan industry with a 24 per-borth on the main market from cost market share. It made pre-tax profits of

> Full details of the placing price and the number of shares to be lessed will be assuranced shortly before the floration. But Mr Eastwood said it is

ers will keep a 15 per cent the equity being split between

Proceeds from the placing will help pay off borrowings of \$7 million and finance growth.

Mercurius lifts stake in Chloride to 6.17%

By Melinda Wittstock

Mercurius SA, the Swedish investment vehicle of Mr Peter Gyllenhammar, the elusive financier and chairman of Volvo, has lifted its stake in Chloride, the troubled British battery maker, from 5.1 per cent to 6.17 per cent.

Chloride, whose calls on Mercurius to clarify intentions efter its purchase of the initial 5.1 per cent late last month. have not been returned, was unperturbed. Mr Michael Vass, finance director, said: "We have offered to talk but have had no contact." Mercurius, part of Mercurius Gruppen, the Swedish industrial holding company whose president and chief executive is Mr Gyllenhammar, has wide interests in shipping offshore energy, commerce and investment banking.

Sources close to Gyllenhammar & Partners, which has about 19 per cent of North Sea Assets, the Edinburgh investment group, say Mercurius Gruppen has been intent on raising its profile in Britain for about a year.

Mercurius has also built up a 12.6 per cent stake in Phoenix Timber Group, Chloride would be likely to fetch £125 million or 52p per share in a bid. The shares were

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Stronger oil price lifts Triton Europe

the six months to November production compared due to the success of production in the Paris Basin and the

Mr Pat MacDonald, the general manager, puts a 26 per cent increase in turnover to £15.3 million entirely down to higher oil prices.

Oil analysts at Kitcat & Aitken, the broker, said that Brent Crude, for instance, traded at \$18.5 a barrel at the end of 1989 compared with the \$15.16 it started the year. effect a lower oil price had on

shore in the Paris Basin. Mr Herbert Brewer, the of wells was an important

Triton Europe swelled its feature in the Villeperdue after-tax profits more than field, and the technique can threefold to £1.6 million for result in significantly greater conventional wells.

Earnings per share rose from to 0.49p to 1.89p, but as last time no interim dividend is being paid.

Triton Energy, the US perent company, is progressing with its planned disposal of its 59 per cent stake in Triton

Mr MacDonald said the management will not be tak-ing over this holding and it is to be placed with institutions by Credit Suisse First Boston. Triton's after-tax profits of Provident Mutual and Legal £407,000 last time were a & General at present hold reflection of the discouraging about 12 per cent of the

The shares gained lp to 232p, which compares with a price of 176p prevalent when chairman, said the introduct the parent company's intion of horizontal penetration tentions were announced last

slumps to record loss awareness'

By Our City Staff

Texas Air Corp, citing heavy losses at its Eastern Airlines subsidiary, has said that it lost \$362.8 million (£213 million) in the fourth quarter, up from a loss of \$224.4 million a year

For the year, Texas had an \$885.6 million loss.

Although rising fuel costs and less traffic hurt all airlines in the last quarter, investors have been particularly worried about Texas Air because of its high debt and interest costs. Mr Frank Lorenzo, chairman of Texas Air, said East-

ern's attempt to reorganize under Chapter 11 of the US Bankruptcy Code had had a large effect on the parent company's results. Eastern had a loss of \$282.6 million for the quarter, compared with a loss of \$101.7

million in the corresponding quarter of 1988. For the year, the carrier lost \$852.3 million. Texas Air's other airline subsidiary, Continental Air-lines, lost \$56.1 million in the quarter, down from a \$99.2 million loss a year ago.

Under the reorganization plan, Eastern hopes to break even in this year's second half. For the year, Continental made a \$3.1 million profit, compared with a \$315.5 mil-

Texas Air | Managers 'lack job

By Colin Narbrough

Too many managers are over-Optimistic about their ability to cope with the shrinking youth labour market, according to Dr David Parsons, manpower adviser to the National Economic Development

Office. This is because of their lack of awareness about wider structural shifts in the labour force, he writes in the latest Employment Gazette.

Dr Parson notes that a recent survey of 2,000 cmployers showed only one in five knew that the overall size of the workforce would grow in the early 1990s. Only one in seven expected a substantial fall in school and college icavers

But the demand for qualified personnel is expected to continue to rise, posing a further problem for recruiters heavily dependent on wellqualified young people.

By the turn of the century, the adult labour force is expected to be 2.3 million larger than in 1988, more than offsetting, in numbers if not age terms, a 1.3 million de-cline in the under-25s during the period.

The survey showed 10 per cent of employers were considering changing their human resources strategies.

Lack of computer staff worries firms

By Nick Nuttail, Technology Correspondent

A shortage of computer staff is companies, also found high one of the most crucial concerns among British com- shortage in school leavers. panies throughout the country, according to a new survey into skills shortages.

One in five company managers and employees questioned said it was one of the most pressing issues facing the

Few of those asked gave poor transportation as a worry but many believed a lack of foreign language skills and poor child care facilities must be addressed if British industry is to thrive in the coming years.

The survey by Peat Marwick McLintock, the account-ant, of 104 of the Times 1,000

Few companies or employees are worried about environmental problems at work with smoking a very low concern.

Most of those asked were, however, deeply concerned about the training of workers with almost 25 per cent of companies and half employees convinced Government should play a better role.

A deep-seated resistance to re-location within Europe was also registered.

A third of firms frowned on the benefits of working from home and almost quarter said they did not approve of job

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N American firms to invest £4bn in UK cable television

British homes to cable tele- when 40 per cent of British vision by 1995, industry homes will be connected to sources claim.

suffered throughout the 1980s from City unease about the high cost of installing net-

Bells" - have already transformed the industry by committing hundreds of millious of pounds to the British franchises they own in the approach to 1992 when the review of British Telecom's and Mercury's duopoly is

US West - a regional telephone company covering 14 US states with interests in eight British cable franchises and applications tendered for four others that have been advertised — is spending £200 million in the next few years laying cable that will reach about 3 million people.

"Our goal is to buy down. telephone wires as we put down the cable so we can offer British people better and cheaper services," said Miss Bonnie Blecha, US West's vice-president of cable opera-

She said US West, with

Cash-rich US and Canadian

Maclean Hunter, the Catelecommunications compan
madian publisher and printer ies, seeking a way into a deregulated European tele-phone and cable market from Canada, is investing £250 1992, have revived the for- million on its five existing tunes of an industry which British cable franchises to serve 860,000 homes.

Mr Scott Colbran, senior vice-president of the UK and sceptical, large North American regional telephone operators — known as "Polician came television division, said Maclean Hunter also wished to instal a compatible telephone network in its ible telephone network in its he said. shire, Suffolk (Ipswich), Dev-on (Plymouth, Exeter and Torbay), Staffordshire (Stokeon-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme) and Cheshire.

Maclean Hunter, the first to build cable systems in North America in the 1950s, said it expects a total penetration of 40 per cent by the year 2000, compared to the 60 per cent level seen in the US ten years after cable took off in the

Other North American cable and telephone companies which have allocated hundreds of millions of pounds on their UK franchises include: Comcast, Iones Intercable, Videotron, United Artists In-ternational, Bell Canada, Pacific Telefis and Southwestern Bell. Smaller US investors include Masada, Cablecast and Crosscountry Cable.

North American cable tele- annual sales of more than \$9 across the Atlantic, the numvision and telephone com- billion (£5.35 billion), expects ber of franchises awarded and panies will have invested £4 to see a large return from its advertised picked up dramati-billion to connect 14.5 million investment in the late 1990s, cally. In early 1989, only 30 had been awarded. The Cable Authority said another 57 franchises had since been allocated, 30 have been advertised and applications accepted, 20 are being advertised and 29 are coming

up for advertisement soon. Mr Jon Davey, director gen-eral of the Cable Authority, said 136 franchises covering 14.5 million British homes will be in operation by 1995, costing about £4 billion. "Virtually all of the money is coming from North America,"

Mr Davey expects flotations among the cable franchises in the mid-1990s as the industry

He said British cable television companies and their North American investors are hoping the duopoly review will make them independent local public telecoms operators so they may offer subscribers a telephone service and the benefits of cable - including home shopping and banking, access to data bases and video conference networks, as well as 50 television channels, 20 radio stations and access to satellite programming - much more cheaply, given economies of scale.

At the moment, franchisees are able to act only as agents for BT and Mercury, while both British telephone companies are prevented from using their existing telephone In line with a surge of networks to deliver television investment interest from programming to customers.

City welcomes 'U-turn on TV'



Stance on quality: David Mellor, the Home Office Minister

welcomed by City analysts.

They believe it has made it more likely existing broadcasters will retain their fran-

chises after the next hidding

larger television companies added a few pence at the market trend since the weekend announcement, with the exception of TVS Entertainment, off 10p and still depressed by the MTM acquisition.

Miss Broowen Meddox. elevision analyst at Kleinwort Benson, said the suggestion by Mr David Mellor, Home Of-fice Minister, that franchises rould not necessarily go to the ighest bidder but that suppliers of outstanding pro-grammes could be given pre-ference, was "the best of both

norlds" for the Government. It meant the authorities would retain some control of the ITV network but the Treasury would also benefit from the income from bidders in the franchise round, she said.

Mr Chris Akers, at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, said Mr Mellor's stance, which in-dicated the Government's interpretation of the relevant being dehated by a Con

The Government's apparent committee this week, favoured "U-turn" over independent the incumbents over other television—emphasizing promedia groups attempting to gramming quality—has been force their way into the British

media groups attempting to force their way into the British television industry. The ITV companies have been concerned that pro-

gramme standards would fall if strict financial criteria were allowed to govern the franchise round. "I think there will be a feeling of dėjà vu when people

wake up in January 1992 we're going to see pretty much the same corporate logos," said Mr Akers.

"It makes it very difficult for an outsider to put up a realistic

application." Before that, however, ITV centractors would have to weather the current downturn in advertising revenue, with a 5 per cent drop likely for the first quarter of 1990, he added.

Miss Maddox thought pro-gramme quality would have to be affected, even under the less commercial arrangement sug-gested by Mr Mellor, because television companies would still have to put up money out of their production budgets for the new franchises.

She thought that "for de-corum's sake" a small number of existing holders would have to lose their franchises, "to avoid the appearance of a cosy cartel which merely assign

PE Kemp drops curtain on payout

By Philip Pangalos

The final dividend has been dropped at PE Kemp, the Third Market theatrical engineer and scenery builder, after the company revealed it had slid into the red following a further decline in trading. This compares with a pay-

ment of 1.5p last time, making a total of 0.5p this year, against 2p last year. The shares fell by 5p to 28p on the

The pre-tax loss is £381.000 for the year to end-October, against last time's profit of £177,000, resulting in a 8.49p loss per share, compared with 2.74p of earnings previously. A combination of lower

spending on production, con-pled with shows running longer and Government cuts in arts subsidies led to a slip in turnover from £3.32 million to £3.12 million. There was an extraordinary loss of £94,000 relating to receivership costs of Unit One Production Services, the 25 per cent-owned trade show and conference production services company.

Cost-cutting measures have been introduced and attempts are being made to reduce bank borrowings. Current bank debt is in excess of £600,000.

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HK interest rate future 'a success'

From Lulu Yu, Hong Kong

The launch of a new interest rate futures contract has been hailed as a resounding success, heralding the revival of the colony's once-battered and still-stagnant futures market.

More than 1,200 91-day Hong Kong interbank offered rate (Hibor) contracts changed hands in just 30 minutes of trading yesterday, casily ume of 1,000.

It was the first new product launched on the futures market since May 1986, and is considered vital to restore confidence in the colony's futures exchange since a HK\$4 billion (£307 million) bail-out by the government following the October 1987 crash,

Mr David Nendick, Sec-

retary for Monetary Affairs, said the contract had been welcomed by major Hong Kong financial institutions.

"There are people who would like to protect themselves against the risks of interest rates going up or down, so there will be a market. I think there is every sign that it is going to be a success," he added.

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Moody's cuts New York - Moody's Inves-

tors Service has lowered the debt ratings of three Japanese banks because of the problems they face in the Japanese property market.

Senior debt ratings at Sumitomo Trust and Banking, the world's second largest bank, and at Mitsubishi Trust and Banking, the fourth-largest, were reduced to AA2, from AA1. Senior debt of the Mitsui Trust and Banking, the eleventh largest bank, were reduced to AA3, from AA2. Japanese interest rates have increased sharply, and prices of some property in urban

areas in Japan have quadrupled since the mid-1980s. (New York Times Service)

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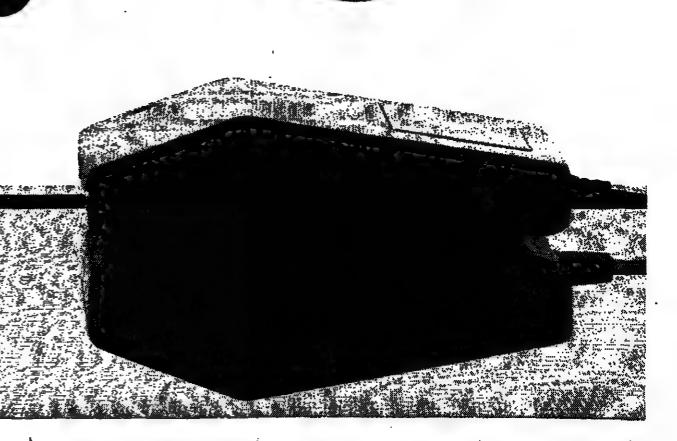
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February 18 poll has made for ing by its story, for libel. a thin market and wild price swings in recent weeks.

ocrais have a good chance of party and a company in the maintaining control of the Japanese over-the-counter government. However, some market played on traders' dealers fear a repeat of last already jangled nerves. summer's elections for the Upper House, when anger

The Tokyo stock market

that Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, The Nikkei average lost the former Prime Minister. 364.96 points to close at was involved in shady share 37,301.87, although the reluctance of big institutions to aide. Mr Nakasone is sueing enter the market before the the newspaper, which is stand-

So yesterday's speculation about another scandal linking Japan's ruling Liberal Dem- a senior member of the ruling

Worries that Japan's interest rates may have to rise over links between govern-ment MPs and the Recruit also hit the market,

FRANKFURT

Selling depresses Dax

Frankfurt (AP Dow-Jones) - wave of selling took the bourse Shares closed broadly lower in nearly 2 per cent lower just moderate trading as operators after the opening. Selling prestook profits on recent gains. A sure came partly from indownwards technical correc-tion in prices had been widely future of President Mikhail expected with signs as early as Gorbachev of the Soviet Monday that last week's rally Union. The 30-share Dax fell was running out of steam. The 37.62 points to 1,900.10.

HONG KONG

Surge in Hang Seng

cent in active trading, produc-ing their best single-day The Hang Se performance since last year.

Dealers said local investors believing last Friday's sharp million.

Share prices surged 1.9 per one-day fall marked a

The Hang Seng index rose 52.0 points to 2,844.89. Turnover was up to

and regional investment funds HK\$1.104 billion (£84.9 milreturned to the market in force lion) from Tuesday's HK\$754

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New Zealand	64.3	-2.5	-8.5	-1.6	-3.4	-2.8	-3.6
Norway	1516.2	0.3	13.0	0.0	15.8	0.0	19.0
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STOCK MARKET

Tokyo hit by talk of bid lifts Dow slides before of shares scandal Comments of the comments of Sears from 'low' threat

again at Sears, the troubled retailing group, after another burst of activity boosted the total number of shares traded in the past two days to more than 22 million

The share price, which has been hovering dangerously close to its low of 98p, rallied 4p to 104p as 11 million shares ranged hands.

This week, Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, crossed a line of 3 million shares. This was the signal for a few cheap buyers to pick up stock. Much of yesterday's activity

centred on the options market, where Smith New Court, the broker, was said to have bought 2,000 out-of-themoney call options, equivalent to 2 million shares. Last month. Sears announced plans for a reconstruction of its shoe business. This was followed by a downgrading of profits by UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker. The speculators claim the group's ailing fortunes make it vulnerable to

The rest of the equity market spent another lacklustre session, with investors still anxious about falling bond prices round the world.

an unwanted bid.

Turnover in London remained thin, with only 368 million shares traded. The FT-SE 100 index fluctuated nervously, spending the first half of the day reflecting events on the futures markets and the remainder watching progress on Wall Street. It closed 13.7 points down at 2,307.4 after briefly dipping below the 2,300 level. The FT index of 30 shares shed 9.4 to 1,826.2.

Government securities were left nursing losses stretching to almost £1 at the longer end, anxiously awaiting the out-come of this week's bond market auction in New York. Among leaders, Reed International resisted the down-

ward pressure to score a gain shares were benefiting from a sponded positively to Tues-large number of projects

Unigate buys

Dutch food

distributor

Unigate, the chilled foods and distribution group, has acquired Ebrex, a Dutch dis-

The purchase was made

Ebrex manages the movement of imported fruit and

through Wincanton Group, its

vegetables through Rotterdam harbour and Schipol Airport

to retailers in northern Europe and Scandinavia. It has an

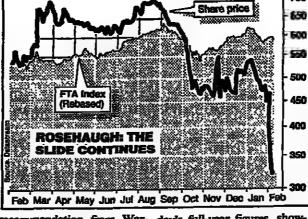
annual turnover of more than

Mr David Yeomans, Wincanton's managing director, said the acquisition was in line

with the strategy of expanding

into continental Europe in the transport of perishable goods.

distribution arm.



recommendation from War- day's full-year figures, showburg Securities. Cable and ing pre-tax profits up from Wireless climbed 7p to 543p. £3.2 million to £6.2 million, The company has been hold-ing meetings with brokers. On 5p to 291p. The slide continued for Tuesday, it met Warburg and

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unchanged at 239p. A bay Fleming Securities, which says the shares stand at a 30 per cent discount to the narket and are capable of a big rerating during the next 18 months. Cash flow, it adds, will be strong.

Hoare, and the latter raised its forecast for Mercury. British Telecom eased 5p to 298p before today's third quarter figures, while news of a further delay in the sale of its cosmetics business left Smith-Kline Beecham 7p lower at

Shares in Reuters, the international news agency and financial information group, rose 18p to £10.39. Full-year figures next week are expected to show pre-tax profits growing from £215 million to £275

Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber has confirmed speculation that he intends to take the Really Useful Group private again. The price jumped 10p

Secariguard Group re- million. The group also has a

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Rosehaugh, the troubled property developer, with the price losing a further 13p to a year's low of 320p in the wake of this week's heavily discounted £125 million rights issue. The shares have fallen 145p in the past three days as the extent of the difficulties the group is Apprehension is growing in the City over whether fund managers will take up their

entitlements and provide the group with much-needed cash. The terms, one-for-one at 200p, are attractive, but re-

added ½p to a new peak of 38%p in a falling market. Brokers said a big buyer has been shadowing the shares for some time, fuelling talk of would have to offer at least quire an act of faith in the company on the part of the in-

stitutions. Debts have been mounting at Rosehaugh and stand at £410 million, against net assets of only £480 building up a stake.

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collapse in the property mar-

ket has squeezed earnings. The Rosehaugh factor hit other highly geared property companies, with Regenterest down 2p at 15p and Priest Marians 10p lower at 178p. Laing Properties, up 2p to 660p, is on the receiving end of an unwanted £441 million joint bid from P&O and Chelsfield, the privately-owned property company, which already owns almost 15 per cent of Laing. The terms are

Regalian, London Dock-land's biggest residential developer, rose 4p to 85p on news that it was selling the bulk of its unsold flats in London and the South of England on a 50-50 shared-

The latest storms cut a swathe through the insurance composites. The sector has been insulated by takeover talk, but falls were seen in Commercial Union, 11p to 493p, General Accident, 20p to £11.43, Guardian Royal Exchange, 3p to 239p, Royat Insurance, 6p to 502p, and Sun Alliance, 3p to 310p.

Some analysts calculate that claims could reach the £3 billion mark in Britain, although a large proportion of this will be absorbed by

The clearing banks re-mained overshadowed by the possibility of losing some of their tax losses in connection with Third World debt. The dividend season gets underway this month and is expected to see the banks increase provisions for bad debt. Falls were seen in Barclays Bank, 6p to 565p, Lloyds Bank, 5p to 290p, after 283p, and National West-minster Bank, 3p to 344p. Only Midland Bank was able to resist the trend, firming 2p

Ip lighter at 207p. Some brokers say someone has been

Chrysler and **GM** in first joint venture General Motors and Chrysler

have reached final agreement on the first US joint manufacthree car makers. The project - New Venture

Gear - combines Chrysler's New Process Gear operation in East Syracuse, New York, and GM's Hydra-matic factory in Muncie, Indiana.
The agreement will enable GM to continue operating the underused Muncie factory

expand capacity without a substantial capital outlay. cent of the company, which will manufacture manual transmissions and four-wheelWALL STREET

New York (AP-Dow Jones) — on profits of corporate debt Share prices were broadly levels has been growing for lower in moderately active some time. The All-Ord-trading as the market awaited inaries index fell 22.9 points to the auction of 10-year Trea- 1,645.6. The difficulties facing sury bonds, the second stage of many debt-burdened com-

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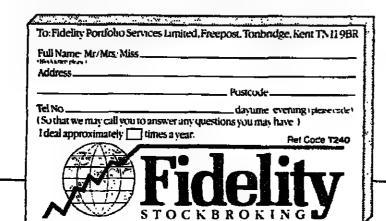
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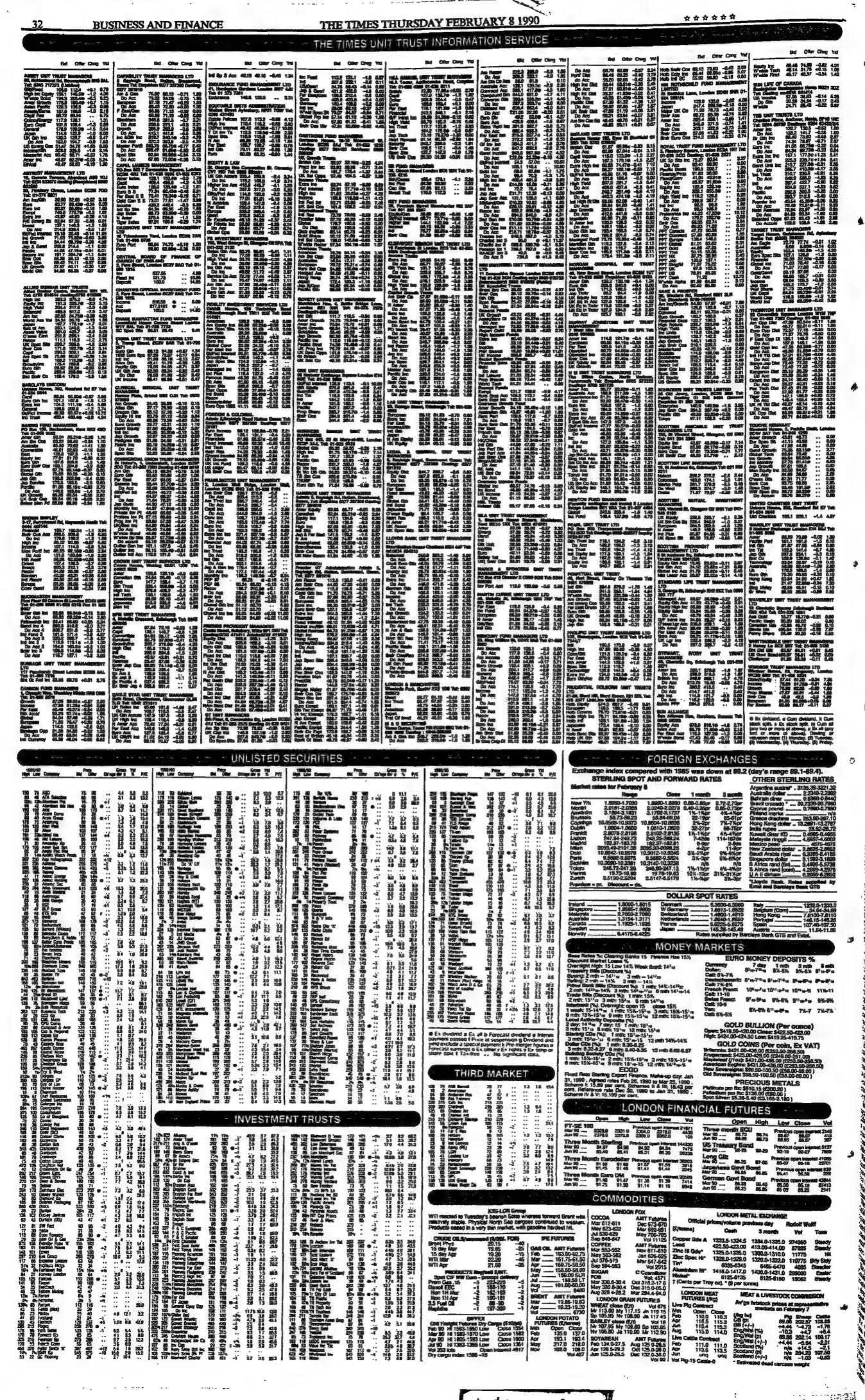
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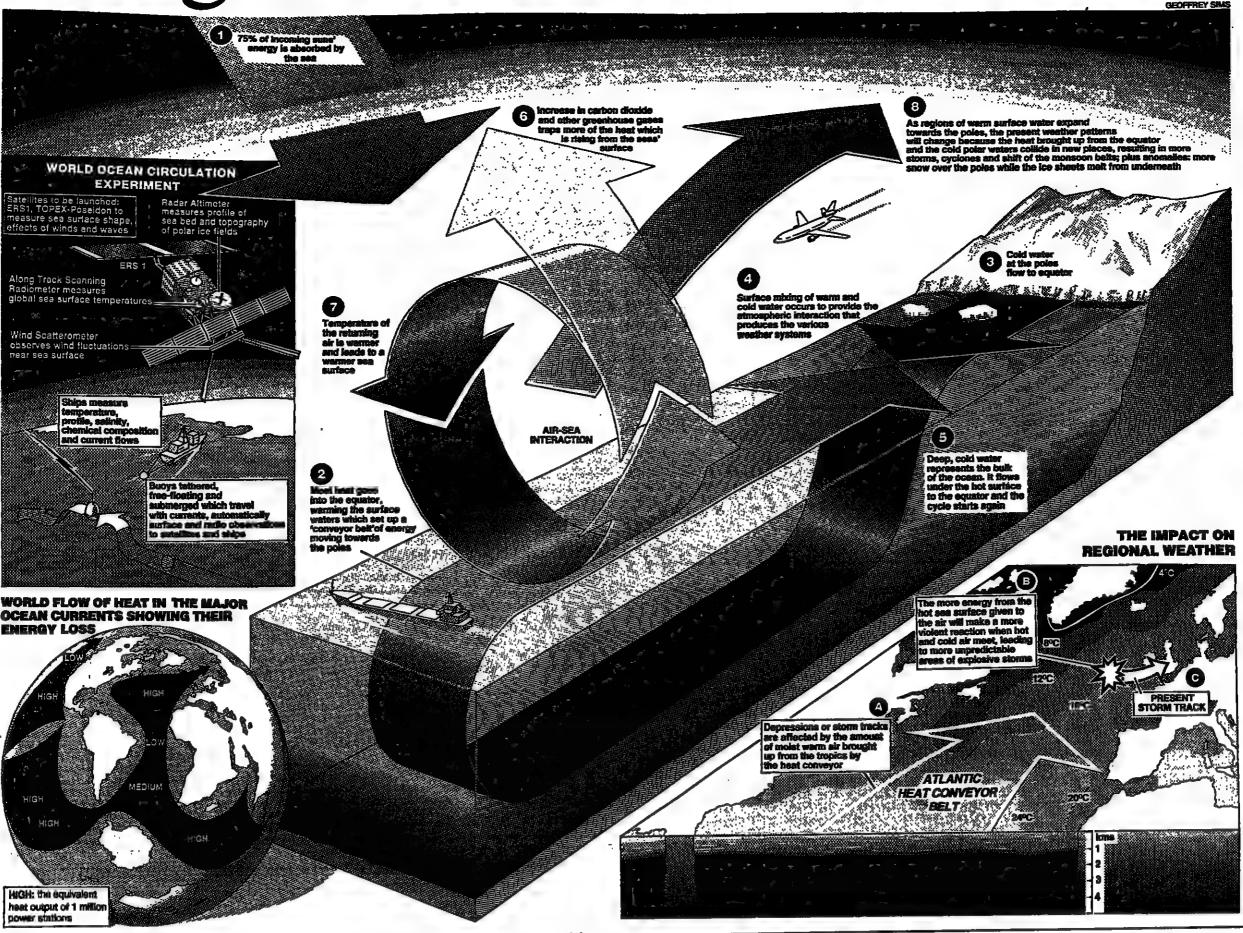
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• TECHNOLOGY: ON THE LINE

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The globe is under the weather



france and Germany last weekend, and devastated parts of Britain and The Netherlands a week earlier, have thrown doubt over the ability of meteorologists to forecast lethal fluctuations in the

They also pose the wider question of whether those extremes, including a spate of ferocious cyclones in the southern hemisphere, are freak events or manifestations of the greenhouse effect and a foretaste of the weather pattern for

the next century.

An answer should emerge from an ambitious global experiment in ocean research which began this mouth: a billion pound study involving 40 countries, with headquarters based in Surrey. The goal is to unravel the role played by the oceans in controlling the Earth's climate. Data will be collected from research ships, and by satellite.

There is increasing anxiety about the impact on the climate of the warming of the Earth's surface from the accumulation of industrial gases in the atmosphere and from the effects of deforestation.

The depth of concern emerged at an inter-governmental conference in Washington this week called to draft the first international treaty to protect the environment. Its primary goal would be to secure a cut in the emission of carbon dioxide gases by drastically reducing the use of fossil fuels.

In an unprecedented show of scientific unity before the start of the meeting, more than 700 scientists, representing a broad range of disciplines from medicine to physics and including 49 Nobel prize winners, urged the United States Government to drop its complacency over the threat of global warming.

They wrote to President George Bush

They wrote to President George Bush saying that, while "more research on global warming is necessary, uncertainty is no excuse for complacency." A principal reason for that uncertainty lies in our limited knowledge of the influence of the oceans on the climate.

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With more than 70 per cent of the planet's surface covered by water, almost three-quarters of the energy received from the Sun is absorbed, stored and redistributed by the oceans in a vast

thermal conveyor belt.

When the study is complete, scientists should be able to predict the global and regional changes in the climate. Ultimately, climate forecasting will rest on understanding the behaviour in the oceans' top 10ft to 20ft, because the water carries more heat than the whole of the atmosphere.

atmosphere.

The project, called the World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE) is experted to take at least five to six years and is directed by an international team seconded to headquarters established at the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences in Surrey.

Deacon Laboratory, in Surrey.

The venture depends on measurements to be made from a flotilla of oceanographic research ships assembled by the US. Britain, West Germany, France, Japan, Australia the Soviet

Union and others.

Three purpose-built remote-sensing satellites are to be launched with special

As extremes in the climate become more common, scientists

are looking to the ocean, the planet's

thermal conveyor.

Pearce Wright reports

radar instruments to map ocean currents, sea wave heights, seabed contours, ice fields and variations in winds close to the sea surface. A new generation of robot submarines built from reinforced plastic materials and a fleet of tethered and free-floating electronic buoys will collect tens of thousands of measurements.

Dr Bruce Taft, a US oceanographer now based at the Surrey headquarters, says that the team's findings will be pooled to create a three-dimensional model of the oceans' circulation. This will help forecasts of variations in the exchange of heat and moisture between the sea and air: the key to the world's weather systems at the mercy of the greenhouse effect.

mild winter because of the "Atlantic conveyor" which moves vast volumes of warm water from the tropics via the Gulf Stream to the south of Iceland, where it cools and then descends, releasing tremendous amounts of heat to the atmosphere in the process. On average, a square metre of the ocean surface releases 60 watts of heat into the atmosphere, at any given time.

Heat is being absorbed and emitted in a continuous process. But the waters in equatorial and middle latitudes have a net gain of energy and the polar latitudes exists a net loss

suffer a net loss.

Dr John Gould, the project coordinator for the UK segment of WOCE,
says: "Climate is an elaborate balancing
and budgeting problem. But the component parts are not understood. The
importance of WOCE cannot be overestimated. It is about the future of the

Fundamental changes in the temperature and circulation of ocean currents could alter the pattern of the trade winds over the Pacific, the monsoons

'The climate is an elaborate balancing and budgeting problem'

over south-east Asia and precipitate a total redistribution of the the rain and snowfall across the globe.

Some day in the future, forecasters will predict for 10 years and 100 years ahead such patterns as mild weather in the middle of the century, flooding in coastal zones, no snow in central European ski resorts but an excess in northern Europe, Iceland and Greenland.

The plan for WOCE was conceived in 1979 as part of a larger World Climate Research programme. The project is divided into three streams concerned with climate prediction over months, years and decades. The ocean study is needed for the second and third parts.

The first cruise by the West German research vessel Meteor, has begun, zigzagging its way across Drake Passage and the Wedell Sea, in the Antarctic, to study one of the least surveyed oceans.

at the method of measuring temperatures and water characteristics by towing instruments and lowering probes to the sea floor is far too expensive and slow to produce a survey of the complete

Later this year the first of three spacecraft, the European Earth Resources Satellite, ERS-1, will be launched. It will carry a device developed by scientists at the the Rutherford-Appleton Laboratory, near Oxford, called an Along-Track Scanning Radiometer for measuring sea surface temperatures.

Other equipment will measure wind fields above the ocean, wave patierns, ice coverage and the sea-ice transition zones and the topography of the polar ice caps. To get global coverage, a French-American satellite called Topex-Poseidon will be launched in two years, carrying altimeters capable of measuring the height of the sea surface to within a few centimetres.

At any one time, the Gulf Stream is pushing along an estimated 250 million megawatts of heat, or the equivalent power generated by one million power stations, along the coast of the US and out into the Atlantic toward the Arctic.

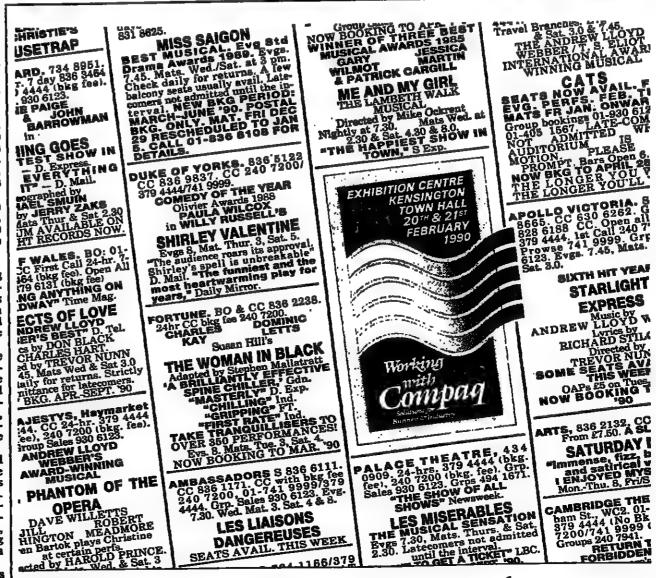
At the same time, 25 times as much cold deep water is pouring from the Arctic between Greenland and Norway.

Oceanographers can determine the "age" of water. They showed recently that water which was last near the surface in the Greenland Sea 1,000 years ago has turned up in the Pacific. Analysis of the age of water depends on natural and man-made geochemical tracers which can only have been picked up at a

particular place or time.

Scientists have exploited the time when bomb tests were common, measuring the amount of tritium which must have been picked up when water was near the surface. Tritium and carbon-14 or other radioactive tracers deliberately introduced, provide a good time-clock.

But when all the data has been sifted, the crucial information the public wants is whether the greenhouse effect means that higher surface temperatures, frequent deep depressions, and wild weather extremes will become a common part of our lives.



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Listening for aliens

ming, and somesmall band of ceived American government money to embark on a \$100 million (£58 million), 10-year project to find aliens. Their goal is to scan the sky with dish-shaped antennas, listening for faint signals from advanced civilizations they say may dot the galaxy. Their search for extraterrestrial intelligence is known by its

acronym, SETL For years, about 20 scientists, many working for Nasa, have lived on shoestring budgets, thinking about rather than doing ambitious sear-ches. But in the 1990 fiscal year, for the first time they received funds to start the world's first wide-ranging examination of the heavens for signs of alien civilizations.

"This is the big step," says Dr Frank Drake, a founder of the modern field of extraterrestrial searches, who is a professor of astronomy and astrophysics at the University of California at Santa Cruz. "It will allow us to do very cophisticated searching."

Advocates say the project is important because it will start to tackle one of mankind's ultimate questions with scientific rigour. Sceptics, however, say there is no evidence of beings out there waiting to be discovered. If there were such beings, they say, Earth would have heard from them by now. this is the right thing to do,"

The quest for life in outer space begins in two years' time. William Broad describes the \$100m project

Enthusiasts have conducted about 50 smaller searches. The first modern one was in 1960, when Drake used the 85ft antenna at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in West Virginia to listen for

The challenge today is finding powerful new ways to distinguish an alien transmission from Earthly static and cosmic background noise. The main American government project is to build an advanced radio receiver that

will simultaneously scan 14 million channels of radio waves from existing radiotelescopes around the world, seeking signs of intelligence in the universe. The apparatus is to be switched on in October 1992, the 500th anniversary of Columbus's discovery of America, and is to run until the turn of the century. "In the first minute, we'll accomplish more than all the other projects combined," says Dr Peter Backus, a principal investigator at the California-based SETI Institute.

Getting to this point was no easy task. The scientists were attacked and ridiculed by traditional astronomers and astrophysicists. "It's been a long, arduous task to convince all the appropriate parties that

institute's director. "SETI is always burdened with the threat of being declared flaky, or fringe, or pseudo-science," Drake says. "So you have to be careful that very qualified, right-thinking people are involved." For

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example, advocates try to keep light-years of distance between themselves and believers in unidentified flying objects, saying the reports are besed more on wishful think-

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ing than on science.
The programme finally won crucial backing from Repub-

Calling back the years

planets, and possibly civiliza-tions. The other part will survey the entire sky, including the Milky Way and its 400 billion stars. "The typical goess is that there are 10,000 says Thomas Pierson, the lican Senator Jake Gam, who to 100,000 advanced civilizabecame convinced of the

tions in the Milky Way alone," Drake says. The acientists think their equipment will be sensitive enough to pick up beacon signals sent out by advanced civilizations to broadcast their presence, and perhaps some routine transm leak out as well.

enough money, however, to start construction. "It's an exciting time for us," said Dr Jill Tarter, a Nasa scientist. But researchers fear time is running out. Radio interference on the ground and from "We'll go ahead and make the orbiting satellites is increasing instruments we hope to turn so fast that this decade may be the last opportunity for Earth-The apparatus now taking shape will fill four refrigerator-CETTADIOUS DOGC.

mers and astrophysicists say there is no firm evidence of life claswhere in the universe, despite the enormous number of stars and the possibility that there are other habitable planets. "Maybe we're a fluke," says Dr Robert Rood, an astronomer at the University of Virginia, who describes aself as mildly sceptical of

the Nasa plan for a big search.
Critica also ask: Where are the aliens? The universe is so old, about 15 billion years, that many aliens should have visited our solar system by now if biological evolution is as universal as the advocate

(New York Times).

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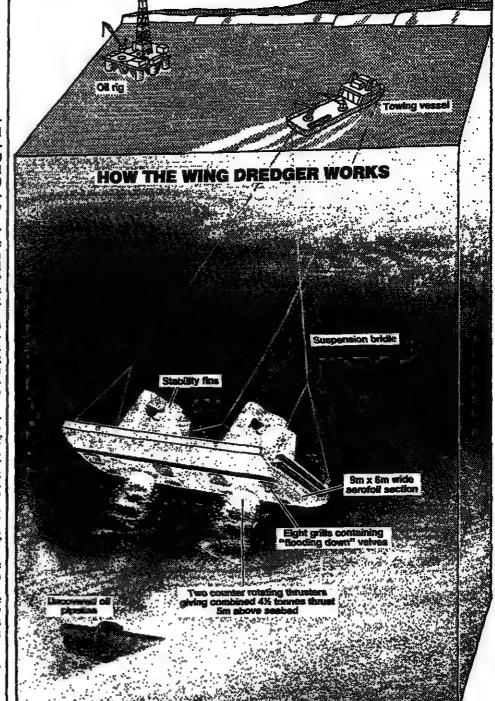
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It's not in the pipeline

treasure hunts where ships' propellers are used to blow silt and sand off artefacts, and adapting methods developed by the aviation industry, British engineers have created a machine for dredging sand and silt from long tracks of pipeline. The Wing Dredger has been designed by Rapid Wing Dredging (RWD) for undersea

At present, oil companies wanting to clear lebris off pipelines or well-heads for, say inspection, use jet pumps — vacuum-type cleaner machines that suck away silt and sand. Andrew Wiseman the handreds of miles of pipeline that typically such a process can take years. kson, an RWD spe

"The Wing Dredger can be towed at a few knots, uncovering whole pipelines in days." The device consists of a 9m by 6m aerofoli that is serodynamically balanced to go through water rather than sir. It is lowered to less than a metre above the seabed and towed by a ship. Set into the structure are two propellers, one which

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Does the secret of eternal life lie within a potato? A Russian scientist thinks it might

A Russian scientist says he has been able to extend the life of plants and trees by slowing down their natural development, Nikolai Isayev, a Moscow biologist, says he has been conducting experiments with houseplant spiderwort, potatos and maple trees.

Now in charge of a department at Vesta — the All-Union Experimental Scientific Centre - Isayev began his experiments by picking some leaves from a young potato. He then crushed them in boiling water and injected the

The experiment proved to Isayev that, as far as plants were concerned, the ageing process could be manipulated.

Further experiments showed that the periodic removal of tubers from potato plants which had not yet flowered stopped the ageing process and turned the potato into an evergreen.

solution into an older potato.
Within a couple of hours, he says, its flowers drooped and new buds stopped developing.

Ageing, Issayev says, is caused by a series of stages, each triggered by biochemical substances which "switch" the

the next one. Block this process - for

example, by nipping buds - and the accumulation of biochemical substances essential for moving from one stage to another is prevented. Isayev believes that this

in his new laboratory, applies equally to plants and could even apply to humans and other animals. In the long term, he says, it might be possible to prevent brains mais by 43 per cent.

from ageing by slowing down the chemical processes, or stop arteries from clossing He is convinced that it should be possible to identify all the substances responsible for all the ageing triggers

possibility of extraterrestrial

beings. Garn succeeded in

winning federal funds, al-

though they were slightly less than hoped. Nasa had asked

for \$6.8 million for SETI but

received \$4 million, a dou-bling of its budget. It was

sized electronic racks. It will

first divide incoming signals into 14 million channels and

then analyse every one for extraterrestrial clues, scanning

similar to the carrier waves

used on Earth broadcasts, or

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The scientists intend to use

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The Soviet Institute of theory, which he hopes to test Gerontology has cited experiments in gene-regulating therapy — which prevents genetic information being passed on by DNA - which can increase the average life span of ani-

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Surgery looks to the future

A London team is leading the way in a laser technique to correct short-sightedness. Its research

offers hope to millions with sight defects, Thomson Prentice writes

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If completely successful, the treatment, still at an experimental stage, could benefit millions of people workdwide. For some, it would mean an end to wearing glasses or contact lenses.

Specialists at a London hospital are at the forefront of international research into the safety and efficacy of the equipment, called an excimer

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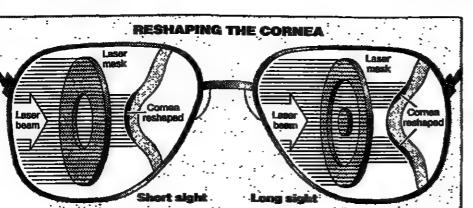
surgical laser which performs sculpture scientists in West Germany on the human eye who have just completed a to correct short- clinical trial in which a small sightedness and group of volunteers under-

> Unlike conventional thermal lasers, the latest device, developed in the United States, does not cut tissue by generating heat, but by a photo-chemical reaction.

> holding the tissue together, in a technique called photo-ablative keratectom.
> The laser is used for as little

High-energy ultraviolet photons are produced which separate the chemical bonds

as 30 seconds in an operation



lasting about half an hour flatten it and reduce shortunder local anaesthetic.

After laser treatment, the eye has to be bandaged for one or two days to allow healing of the Free University of Berlin. the epithelium, or top surface says 10 myopic volunteers layer of the cornea.

The technique is being seen by ophthalmologists as a significant advance on the surgical procedure, radial keratotomy, pioneered in the In this treatment, a dozen

who he operated on may have no further need of speciacles or contact lenses.

convinced of the long-term effects of the technique. In some earlier cases, haziness of cuts are made in the comea to and has taken months to clear. project; and David Gartry, an

As the world's newest satellite rebounds off Venus on its way to Jupiter, a veteran of the cosmos is fascinating US scientists

Another complication in early trials has been regres-Professor Theo Seiler, sion, or thickening of the professor of ophthalmology at epithelium during its rethe Free University of Berlin, growth, However, researchers

believe these problems can be

The British research is being carried out at St Thomas's However, experts are not Hospital, London, by a team of three: Malcolm Kerr Muir, a consultant ophthalmologist; Professor John Marshall,

They were the first in the world to begin treating patients with the laser to remove superficial irregularities on the cornea which cause impaired

lans have been made to use the laser later this year for the treatment of short-sight-tidues in a controlled trial involving a small group

"It is exciting, but we have to establish whether it is safe, whether it causes scarring, and hether the induced change in Muir says. "Until we can guarantee its benefits, we think it is unethical to talk about the treatment becoming widely available. It must be regarded as an experimental ocedure at this stage."

Despite this cautious approach, several technology companies which produce the equipment in the United States, Japan and Europe are eager to capture a snare or what they see as a huge

mit Technology, of Water-town, Massachusetts, town, Massachusetts, provided the equipment for the St Thomas's project and for the work in Berlin.

Last week the company announced the successful completion of Professor Seiler's trials involving 10 patients. The company has received approval from the US Food and Drug Admin-istration to conduct trials in America for the correction of short-sightedness and to go shead with plans for the treatment of glaucoma. Use of the laser is likely to

the cornea is stable," Kerr be restricted to hospitals, although there will be a demand for it by opticions. Kerr Muir says he does not expect the technique to provoke strong opposition from makers of speciacles and contact lenses. "Not everyone will be suitable for the operation, and not all of those who could have it will want it."

He could not say whether the technique was likely to be available on the National Health Service, or only as a private treatment.

BRIEFING

Into the sky's hole



fly through the one layer above the South Pole is being developed by American scientists.

The battery-powered craft, which will be controlled by a computer, will make its first flight to gather information this autumn. According to Professor James Anderson, who teaches atmospheric chemistry at Harvard University and is involved in the project, the craft will fly up to 85,000ft above Antarctica Sixty per cent of the ozone layer of the South Pole has been depleted, Anderson says. Because ozone blocks ultraviolet radiation, the damage could lead to higher levels of skin cancer, eye problems and damaged food crops.

Smoke ring



Doctors in Swe den say they strong link between cigarette smoking and sudden

deaths with no known cause in infants aged from one to six months. In a study covering 280,000 births between 1983 and 1985, Dr Bengt Haglund and Dr Sven Cnattingins attributed 50 of the 190 deaths from SIDS to smoking by mothers during pregnancy. They said a pregnant woman who smoked heavily (more than 10 cigarettes a day) tripled the risk of losing an infant to SIDS.

Held in check



The former world chess champion, An-

had only 45 seconds left on his chess clock when the computer, known as Deep Thought, resigned. "When I looked at the time, I was nervous. I had



death syndrome (SIDS) -



atoly Karpov. beat the world's best chess-playprogram last week in a match that lasted two hours. Karpov

less than a minute. Of course. in chess you can do 50 moves in one minute. At certain moments the computer was all right, but it made some strange moves." Deep Thought, which can examine 750,000 moves per second, was being run on an IBM

Roving eyes



igating whether advances in ro-

bot computer vision can be used to help the blind. The team has built a small robot vehicle, which uses "stereo" video cameras linked to a computer and can navigate itself along roads and path-ways at walking pace or faster. Dr Barry Thomas, a senior lecturer in the computer science department, believes the vision system could be adapted to provide navigational clues for the blind. He is leading a team of computer specialists, engineers, mathematicians and a psychologist in a £5,000 feasibility study funded by the Bristol Royal Society for the Blind.

IBM's new line



IBM is to sell a new type of software for its personal computers and a new line of

work stations designed to make them easier to use. The software, developed by the Californian company Next, uses a simple set of commands to operate a com-puter and to help customers create new programs using a hand-held mouse pointing device that can select different parts of a new program. Next, which produces advanced personal computers, was started by Steven Jobs, co-founder of Apple. The software marks the first time IBM has used "object-oriented programming", a technique that provides preprogrammed blocks of computer code to build up new programs. It will be made available for IBM's PS/2 range and a new work station, due to be announced next

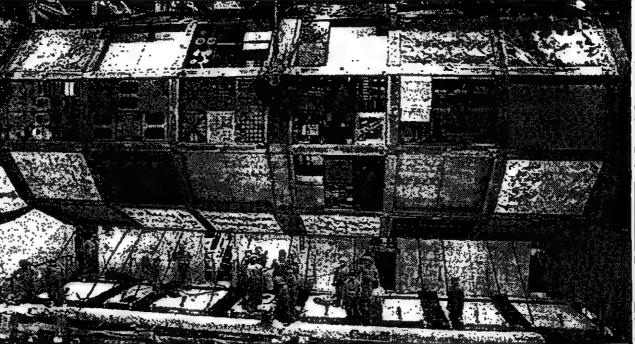
Matthew May

Probes in space

While the world's most sophisticated spacecraft is about to use Venus as a planetary sling-shot, scientists are busy examining the batsatellite that

launched by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) last year, will tomorrow fly close to mes, using its gravity to Earth on its way to Jupiter. At the same time, Nasa scientists at the Kennedy Space Centre (right) are eagerly examini battered 11-tonne Long Duration Exposure Facility satellite (LDEF) rescued by a mace shuttle last month, hoping its condition after six years in space will help them design

Hon) Galileo heads for Venus, a planet which suffered its own



Battle-scarred; The damage to the LEDF satellite, rescued last month after a six-year space orbit, is checked by Nasa scientists

re as it flies within

Jupiter, a necessary more because the craft's rocket booster is not powerful caused for a direct route.

The second Earth flyby, an December 8, 1992, will be at an altitude of less than 250 for a 20-month survey of what

peated close flybys of Jupiter's four brightest moons, Europa, Ganymede, Calliste and Io, where bizarre volcanoes spew clouds of sulphur into space. Scientists hope attenty Japiter will reveal cines about the origin of our solar system.

Japanese and European suppliers, most notably Logos in the US, Fujitsu

in Japan and Siemens in West

Germany. Some are little more than word-matching systems, although re-cent developments include elements

of artificial intelligence which allow

The commission has been building

up its Systran machine translation

system since 1976 and is the largest

user of translation services on the

continent, Seven language pairs are already in use. Five EC languages are

being worked on and there are plans to

add a further four. The commission

has about 500 terminals in Luxem-

bourg and Brussels, giving users direct

access to raw translations of docu-ments from other EC states.

pages a minute and the translations, while imperfect, give the gist of what

is written. Systran is unsuitable for

documents such as legal contracts

unless they have also been worked on

Systran, the EC is involved in the Eurotra research project. This aims to

go beyond dictionary-based systems, and define linguistic modules which

could form the building blocks of translation machines able to handle

all EC languages — a total of 72 pairs.

The British universities involved in

the project are Umist in Manchester,

and Essex.
Umist also has a number of

contracts to research translation sys-

tems for commercial companies.

Professor Juan Carlos Sayer, head of

linguistics and languages at the university, says: "Anything with commercial value, urgency and vol-

ume is a suitable area for machine

translation. It means you could read what the Chinese and Russians wrote

yesterday, if only in rough form."

The possibilities of computer

translation are only beginning to be

realized, but none of the experts are

predicting the demise of the trans-

because you have invented the motor

ator, "You don't cut people's feet off

Besides the practical application of

The system can handle up to 10

the software to develop knowledge.

Kickback: Galileo uses Venus to bounce off, heading to Jupiter an indirect journey to Jupiter. UOBSCENE TO SEE

Training shock

School-leavers and the unemployed wanting to acquire skills in information technology face a bleaker future since a decision by the National Computing Centre (NCC) to withdraw from the Government's Employment Training (ET) and Youth Training (YT) schemes. Companies wanting IT staff tend to hire only those with previous experience or a recognized qualification,

making it difficult for school-leavers to get the first job.
The NCC, with funding assistance from the Government and business support, has trained more than 15,000 students in IT skills since 1976. Students successfully completing the

course gained the respected

NCC Threshold certificate. The NCC says more than 80 per cent of its students found employment after completing the course and a further 10 per cent went on to higher educator.
The NCC's decision to quit follows the withdrawal of BOC Training Services a month ago and reduces considerably the number of high-quality IT training-

providers taking part in government schemes. "People wanting to get into IT face a bleak fature now the NCC has also quit," Howard Wright, BOC's managing director, says. "It is a big problem." The Government has mounted a stout defence of the training schemes. It says the industry must stop relying on grants and do

But the NCC and BOC say they were forced to withdraw because the

amount of money paid by the Training Agency for every student is too low to be of any use to stude Wright says BOC used to be paid more than £100 a week for every student but this was reduced to less than £20, although, with extra grants, it can rise to

It is not enough because computer equipment is costly and IT tutors expect high salaries. BOC, which was forced to cut the length of its courses by half to meet the reduced funding levels, found that job placement rates fell by the same

Richard Firth, the NCC's training director, says the NCC could not afford to continue to lose money on the training schemes. He adds that other training companies are using inexperienced tu-tors with little teaching or IT knowledge. Students should look carefully at companies offering train-ing. Wright says it is important to verify bow many attendees at previous intakes found jobs and to consider the standard of

School-leavers wanting to pick up IT skills may have to consider paying for courses themselves, al-though the NCC and BOC are against this because there is little guarantee that companies that do the hiring will recognize the validity of the course.

RAC will help these BOC will help those wanting to enter the profession. Hopefuls can take its

free psychometric aptitude Leslie Tilley

The \$1.4 billion (2825 million) Galileo heads for Venus, planet which suffered its own maway greenhouse effect, on a indirect journey to Jupiter. before using the planet's gravity for a direct route. The second Earth flyly, on Decomber 8, 1992, will be at an altitude of less than 180 miles and a velocity of some 31,500 mph. Computers have a word for it

The translator's

workload is being

electronically eased

computer gadget which in-stantly translates handy holiday phrases into French has become this year's gift for the person who has everything. The gadget's usefulness may be questionable, but it demonstrates the possibilities of computerized translation.

The technology for complete comouter translation was developed in the 1950s, but these systems are only now coming into their own as demand for translation increases and computers become sophisticated enough to provide a useful service.

The European Commission, for

pages of information from countries within the EC every year. It has an army of 1,100 translators, and a computerized machine translation system which, last year, handled about 2,000 pages a month.

Computers are fast, but their use in the highly skilled work of translation often means a drop in quality. Where the need for style and expression is quired for a long time yet. However, electronic systems are now almost as good at translating lengthy technical documents full of factual information. Transletes, a London translation

gency, is working with a system developed by Tovna, an Israeli company. Charles Jamieson, a Transtelex director, believes the system will allow the company to translate between eight and 10 times as much material as translators can normally handle. The benefit of marbles translation

and 90 per cent right," Jamieson says, Transtelex's system will translate English, French and Russian. The company is also working on Italian and Spunish, and is looking for a partner in Japan.

Prices start at about \$3,000 (£1,800) a month for a software licence for two or three users and one language pair. According to Jamieson, it takes about six months to train operators and build up the dictionaries at the

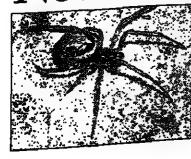
heart of the system, "Grammar and syntax aren't the most important aspects of the system. What we can do is build up specialist subject areas with lexicons and glossaries, making the system particularly good for highly technical subjects," he says. Ami Segal, executive vice-president

of Toyna, says: "Every mistake can be corrected and added to the lexicon, so the more you work with the system,



Fast and fluent at languages: Charles Jamieson of Transtelex says "the benefit of machine translation is speed" Car," Sager says.

New British spider weaves its way into official list



added to the offical list of creepy crawlies resident of Britain. Steatures nobilis (pleamed right and left), has become so entrenched that spider scientists believe it must now be accepted as a British species, (Nick Nuttall writes).

Rowley Sanzell, an arachnologist with the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology (ITE) in Furzebrook, Dorset, and Dick Jones, one of the country's leading spider experts, are to submit a scientific paper to the Bulletiu of the British Arachaological Society to formalize its status, swelling the ranks of listed species to 646.

Strongholds have now been confirmed in the Portsmouth and Swanage areas with the arachuid having been spotted in houses,

pished by its causeal web. Exactly how the species, indigenous to the hot climates of Portugal, Maderia and the Canary Islands, made it to Britain, and survived icy winters, is

The female has a body also 13mm long, the male 10mm, and both have distinctive brown, ye



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SCIENCE REPORT

Physicists alarmed by a recent report of a gyroscope that appeared to lose weight when it was spinning can rest easy, says Professor Ste-phen Salter of Edinburgh University in today's Nature. Far from delying the laws of gravity and motion, it was probably due to a conspiracy of engineering

Japanese scientists, H. Hayasaka and S. Takeuchi, from Tohoku University, reported late last year that the weight of their gyroscopes decreased as the rate of rotation increased (Science Report Jan 2).

The gyroscopes were made of an electric mater, a small flywheel, and a supporting frame. Identical ats were obtained on two different weighing machines, a me-chanical balance with the gyroscopes in one weighing pan and standard weights in the other, and an electronic

To complicate matters further, the loss of weight was observed only when the flywheels were spun clock-

Salter, an engineer at Edinburgh University, sug-gests that the puzzle can be



solved by considering the weighing machines. Both the mechanical and the electronic balance find the weight by exerting a force on the weighing pan so as to return it exactly to the "null" position.

In the mechanical bal-

ance, this force is supplied by the reference weights in the other pan; in the other balance the force is generated electromagnetically, and controlled by electronic sensors and circuits. And to prevent the sensitive mechanism from oscillating, a small frictional "damping" force acts to bring the balance to rest and permit a reading to be taken.

Herein lies the problem The balance works perfectly if the object being weighed is not moving. But a gyroscope moves: as the flywheel rotates, imperfections in the bearings cause it to shake. Indeed, the two Jananese

scientists measured the vibrations as part of their experiment, and from the values they give, Salter suggests that transient forces that come and go during each cycle of vibration could be as much as 200 times greater than the force that corresponds to the claimed change in weight. Clearly, vibration should

not be ignored, especially as it is noticeably different for citckwise and satisfackwise rotation. This is not quite the whole story. Over one cycle of vibration, the tranent upward and downward forces that the gyroscope exerts on the weighing pan

But if the damping force in the balance is not quit equal in the upwards and downwards directions, then the interaction of the vibration and the damping need not cancel, meaning that the null position for the rotating gyroscope would not be the same as the null position for the same gyroscope when it

Roland Pease Pilaturu Timas Hemy Service

Physics in the balance Your number's up

telephone service. phone number of anyone calling them, is being investigated by the British Government.

The caller identification service has been introduced in several American states during the past year, resulting in fierce debate between people who believe it helps prevent obscene calls and false alarms. and civil liberties groups, which claim it is an invasion of privacy.

ninister, said last week that the Government would investigate the use of caller identification services as a way of limiting obscene phone

In reponse to a Commons written question from Alun Michael, the Labour MP for Cardiff South and Penarth, Patten said the Government was waiting on publication of a report on the service by the University of New Jersey before making its decision. The Government is also

considering a proposal from the Hull Safer Cities project for Hull-based telephone operator, Kingston Commun-

A new telephone service being considered for use in which provides Britain could end nuisance calls. But will it threaten our privacy in other ways? Matthew May reports

> system for malicious calls. lem of obscene telephone calls, particularly those made from private numbers. However, the service has many other implications.

Kingston Communications describes its planned system as "highly sensitive" and has refused to comment further. Caller identification was

pioneered more than a year ago in New Jersey. Almost 50,000 people now pay £4 a month and £50 for a unit which sits under the phone and displays the number of anyone dialling through one of the many digital exchanges connected to the service.

Additional services include a memory of the last 30 numbers which had called whether the calls were answered or not - and a program which handles known numbers and switches others to an answering machine.

Last month in Toronto,

Northern Telecom introduced In Britain, caller identification is being presented as a potential solution to the probbers. The new phone will be leased through Canadian telephone companies.

> 'It could cause problems for police who rely on anonymous calls. Also, customers who phone a store don't want their numbers noted?

> The new telephones will be especially helpful in reducing, if not eliminating, barassing or

offensive calls, says Larry Reist, of Northern Telecom. Only calls placed through exchanges can be however. In Britain, traced, about 10,000 of the 70,000 exchanges could handle the facility if it was introduced now. At first, these would provide call tracing only for calls from the same local

British Telecom is aware of the arguments surrounding the service.

"These systems are becoming technically feasible and could, theoretically, be introduced locally on digital exchanges now," says Bob Raggett, deputy director of corporate communications for British Telecom.

"Although it can help with one problem (obscene calls), it introduces others," he says. "It could cause problems for the police, for example, who rely on anonymous calls. Similarly, customers who phone a store to see if they have a particular piece of equipment don't want their phone numbers noted."

The use by businesses of caller identification systems to compile lists of potential customers, and the possibility of

marketing operatio another concern in the

The system also being ex-directory m less. Social workers probation officers wan call clients from hon example, are unhappy ing to reveal their

But advocates of the say it reduces the num false alarms and bomb and can trace emergen instantly. Restaurants orders for takeaway table bookings welco way it reduces the nur

"no-shows". Complicating the W suc, is the developer cailer identification t services, which allow phone company to

display of a caller's nu In California, a l service will be require when the service is a for subscribers wanti numbers kept private,

In Pennsylvania, ? the introduction o identification has been pending legal hearing been suggested that services be restricted enforcement and don olence intervention a

ot off the fax machine

ational newspaper readers could soon be taking perfect copies of their favourite dai-

lies off a facsimile machine rather than from the newsagents or news A world first in satellite broadcasting has been developed in Britain which will allow the simultaneous

transmission of documents to millions of people across Europe in less than a minute. Companies or organizations wanting to send information by fax spend hours hand-feeding sheets of paper into transmitting machines. Pro-grammable faxes ease the burden, but

a target of thousands or millions of

people would require hundreds of

telephone lines with a fax machine at the end of each line. Vince Waterson, the inventor of the satellite publishing system, says that to target half a million people using conventional fax technology could require 150 phone lines and take 55 Soon you may be able to get near-perfect

pages of your daily newspaper sent direct

hours - and quality would be poor. the DoH can immediately alert all But with the broadcast channels,

Costs are crucial, with a telephone fax to Paris costing up to 50p and a fax to a subscriber in Britain running at between 8p and 16p a copy. The charge for broadcasting, which can be either via satellite such as British Aerospace's Utelsat 2 or on terrestrial TV channels, would be around 10p.

perfect copies could be sent within a

The same technique, called Faxcast and due to be officially launched next month, is being considered by the Department of Health as a way of communicating vital information instantaneously to regional health authorities, general practitioners and hospitals. It has been designed so that

GPs in an area if there is a influenza or poisoning outbreak. At present, it can take days before all relevant health

professionals are alerted.

Steve Royal, of Data Broadcast. Services Ltd, of London, the company hehind the Faxcast service, says the system's potential benefits are limitless. Instead of wading through daily papers for subjects of interest, readers could specify extracts from either one newspaper or maybe even a selection of the national dailies.

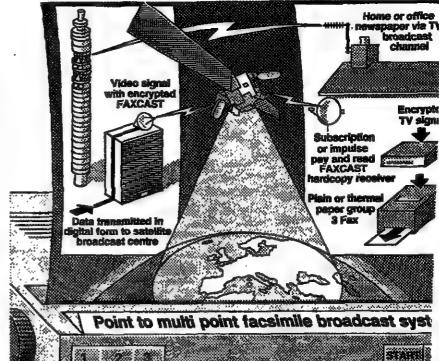
important to the success of the direct publishing system is the nearperfect quality of reproduction possible from an ordinary fox machine when information is transmitted using broadcast channels.

The use of satellites means that millions of target fax machines can be sent information simultaneously and more cheaply than if transmitted conventionally down a telephone line.

Royal says that his firm, which has been developing the system for more than a year, is set to sign a contract with a big telecommunications company to manufacture and market oders. This means the service could be available within months.

A pilot study with the DoH is being ched, with decoders in regiona health authorities. There are about 1.5 million fax machines in Britain but, with prices expected to continue falling, they are fast becoming affordable for the home. In Japan, the number of household fax machines outstrips those in offices, and a similar trend is expected in Britain as more people begin to work from home.

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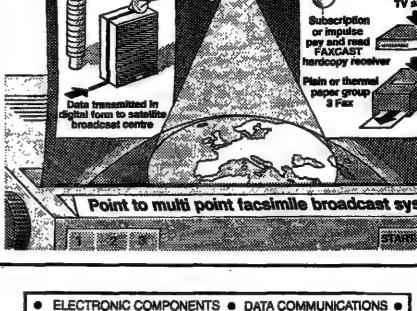
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ing the judgment of the court, said that the first ground of appeal against conviction, based on a complaint about the judge's

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Before Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice

Judgment February 71 The judicial exercise of discretion under section 4(2) of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 could only become an exercise which involved a question of law if it could be demonstrated that the discretion was exercised

on a fundamentally flawed The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) so held in dismissing an interlocutory appeal brought by Ernest Walter Saunders against the refusal by Mr Justice Henry on February 5, 1990 to order, under section 4(2) of the 1981 Act, that publication of any report of the first trial in open court of criminal proceed ings be postponed until the usion of a second trial. Section 4 of the 1981 Act provides: "(2) In any such

where it appears to be necessary for avoiding a substantial risk of prejudice to the administration of justice in those proceedings, or in any other proceeding pending or imminent, order that the publication of any report of the proceedings, or any part of the proceedings, be postponed for such period as the court thinks necessary for that

DUITOOSE Section 9 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987 provides: "(1) At the preparatory bearing the judge may exercise any of the powers specified in this section. "(3) He may determine — . . . (b) any question as to the admissibility of evidence; and

(c) any other question of law relating to the case.

"(11) An appeal shall lie to the
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Mr Richard Ferguson, QC and Mr Antony Shaw for Mr Saunders; Mr John Chadwick, QC and Mrs Barbara Mills, QC for the prosecution; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Andrew Nicol for The Times, Financial Times, The Independent, The Guardian, The Daily Telegraph,

Delaney v R. J. Staples (t/s De Montfort Recruitment)

Before Mr Justice Wood, Mr T.

S. Batho and Mr A. C. Blyghton

A payment in lieu of notice was

not "wages" within the Wages Act 1986 and an employee

whose cheque for payment in lieu of notice had been stopped by her employer, because he thought she was leaving with

confidential information, could

not make a complaint to an industrial tribunal under section

5 of the 1986 Act but would

county court for breach of

The Employment Appeal Tri-bunal so held when dismissing an appeal by Miss Mary Delancy from a decision of a

February 1989 that they had no jurisdiction to bear her claim for

pay in lieu of notice against her employer, Mr R. J. Stapies,

(trading as De Montfort

She had appealed on the grounds that the industrial tri-bunal ought to have found that section 7 of the 1986 Act was

to include any sums payable to a worker in connection with his

pealed from the tribunal's de-cision that the sums

representing commission and boliday pay not paid to the employee were "deductions"

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[Judgment February 5]

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LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL delivering the judgment of the court, said that two days pre-viously, Mr Justice Henry had refused to made an order under section 4(2) of the 1981 Act in pending trials arising out of the Guinness affair".

There were two trials pending as a result of an earlier order of Mr Justice Henry severing the indictment. That was as a result of an application by the prosecuo contended that no jury could understand the proceed ings if they were to consider the case as it was defined in the original indictment.
As a result of severance, the

first trial, due to start next week. was estimated to last four to six months. The second trial, which would take place after an approoriate interval, was estimated to an about four months.

The application to Mr Justice Henry on February 5 was for an order that there be no publica-tion of any material relating to the first trial until after the

The argument advanced was that if there were to be publica-tion of the first trial it might be In April 1987 Mr Justice Henry ordered a preparatory hearing under section 7 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987. It was a matter or debate wither an application under section 4(2) of the 1981 Act fell within section 7 of the 1987 Act.

At the heart of the present application, it was submitted that when Mr Justice Henry refused to make the order under the 1981 Act be embarked on an exercise which involved a quesination of that application fell within the terms of section 9 of

e Criminal Justice Act 1987. If, but only if, a determination under section 4 did raise a question of law, there was undoubtedly a right of appeal to the Court of Appeal.

The first hurdle for Mr Ferman

guson was to bring himself within section 9(11) of the 1987 Act which provided for an

Payment in lieu is not 'wages'

ment, including (a) any fee, bonus, commission, holiday pay

or other emolument referable to

his employment, whether pay-

able under his contract or otherwise . . . but excluding any

payments falling within sub-

(c) any payment by way of pension, allowance or graunty in connection with the worker's

retirement or as compe for loss of office."

the worker's wages. . .".

"(2) Those payments are ...

Section 8 provides: "(3)

Where the total amount of wages . . is less than the total amount of the wages that are

properly payable ... then, ... the amount of the deficiency

shall be treated . . . as a deduc-

tion made by the employer from

Mr Martin Westgate for the

appear and was not represented.

that the employee was sum-marily dismissed. She was given

a cheque for £82 which she was

told was payment in lieu of notice, but the cheque was

Subsequently stopped.
On the date of her leaving, it was conceded that she was entitled to commission and

holiday pay totalling £55. An industrial tribunal found that the payment of £82 in lieu of

notice was not "wages" within the Act but that the sum of £55

was an unlawful deduction and

should be paid.

Counsel for the employee conceded that at common law a

payment in lieu of notice was

recognized as being damages for breach of contract. However, he

contended that on the wording

payment in lieu of notice fell within the definition of wages.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said

Regime v Lamb (Charles) and, straighten and swerve Before Lord Justice Neill, Mr Some 90 degrees across the road, mount the pavement and collide

21, a temporary accounts clerk, of Brook Street, Tonbridge, Kent, appealed unsuccessfully

against conviction at Maidstone Crown Court (Judge Russell-Vick, QC and a jury) of causing

the death of Journe Elizabeth Titmas in September 1988 by driving a 1978 estate car at Tonbridge on Hadlow Road, which was many or the state of the

which was wet, recklessly, con-

trary to section 1 of the Road

Traffic Act 1972. He was sentenced to nine

months detention in a young

months detention in a young offender institution, was disqualified for four years and was ordered to pay £235 costs. On appeal against sentence, the costs order was quashed.

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judge under section 9(3)(b) or On a charge of causing death by reckless driving, although the jury were misdirected in that the The judicial exercise of discretion under section 4(2) of the 1981 Act could only become an exercise which involved a quesming up did not contain the precise words or words of tion of law if it could be equivalent force as laid down in demonstrated that the disthe House of Lords for directing cretion was exercised on a juries in such cases, no mis-carriage of justice had occurred and the conviction was upheld fundamentally flawed basis.
Once the judge had carried out the balancing exercise, the Court of Appeal could not interfere Charles Roland Lamb, aged

unless the decision was the judge had fallen into error, by taking into account the way in severing the indictment, when he had made his determ-

when he had made his determination under section 4.

If that could be demonstrated, their Lordships would be inclined to the view that the decision of Mr Justice Henry was flawed. Their Lordships had read the judgment of Mr Justice Henry. It was carefully reasoned and

the judge came to his conclusion by an appropriate exercise of judicial discretion. It had not been demonstrated to their Lordships that there was any question of law relating to the case which arose in the

Lest their Lordships were wrong and there were issues of law, the court was of the view that it had not been dem-onstrated that Mr Justice Herry fell into error in the way he approached his unit. His Lordship would conclude

the judgment by referring to and endorsing what Mr Justice Henry had said: "It would not be right to order reporting restrictions, whether total or "I arrive at this conclusion or the basis that the reporting will be fair and accurate, and pub-

lished with proper regard for preserving the fairness of the second trial. To this end the media must ensure that they have proper internal disciplines to secure that standard of reporting and to preserve the fairness of the

Solicitors: Pannone Blackburn, Manchester; Serious Fraud Office; Oswald Hickson

The appeal tribumal dis-agreed. A wage was a payment

by an employer to a worker in consideration of services which

he had provided. It was a fixed

a worker had a conclusive right.
All the types of wages specified
in subsection 1(a) were of that

The definition of worker is section S(1) reinforced that view. A wage was something due

under a contract such as described in section 8(2).

with a payment in lieu of notice which in some cases could be

payable under the express terms

of a contract, but in the more

It was a sum which if not paid

usual situation was payable for

was only recoverable by suing

notice and to allow an employee to earn his wage during such notice periods. It was damages and not unpaid wages. The

industrial tribunal were correct.

On the cross-appeal against the tribunal's finding that a

payment owed by way of com-mission and holiday pay was a

deduction, it was argued that there was nothing from which

those payments were deductible therefore they could not be

Micro Management) (The Times January [2], the Employ-

ment Appeal Tribunal had ex-pressed the view that section 8 was not intended to give indus-trial tribunals jurisdiction to make awards for the non-

payment of wages.

The appeal would be dismissed and the cross-appeal

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breach of contract.

That was to be contrasted

and ascertainable sum to which

Although documents obtained

in the course of a police com-plaints investigation and disci-plinary hearing were protected-from disclosure by public in-terest immunity, there was no reason why they should not be reason by police legal advisers preparing a defence to civil proceedings brought by the same complainant. The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held in

dismissing an application by Mr Colin Hart-Leverton, QC, for judicial review of a decision of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis concerning the use of documents which came into police possession pursuant to an investigation under the police complaints procedure. The documents were used by legal staff in the preparation of a defence to a civil action for damages for malicious prosecution brought by Mr Hart-

Mr Richard Clayton for Mr Hart-Leverton; Mr Peter Thompson for the Thompson commissioner.

preparing defence Regime Common of Police of the Metropolis, Exparte Hart-Leverton Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Nolan

It was said that the commissioner had thereby waived the immunity on the documents and secured an advantage for

However, the course of action employed by the police was supported by the dictum in Alfred Crompton Amusement Machines Ltd v Customs and Excise Commissioners (No 2) ([1974] AC 405, 434B) where Lord Cross of Chelsen assumed that the protected information would form part of the brief to counsel to make such use of as be thought fit in the arbitration procedure

The guiding principle of immunity was to ensure that the protected material did not go before the court. There was nothing in the use made of the documents by the

police or their legal advisers which conflicted with the

Lord Justice Watkins agreed. Solicitors: Kingsley Napley; Metropolitan Police Solicitor.

Guilty plea ineffective in another's case

Region v Terpia

Where two or more defendants were charged with an offence which involved necessarily their complicity, one with the other, it might be desirable that the jury should be told that a piea of guilty by one was ineffective evidentially so far as another

However, no authority suphowever, no authority sup-ported the proposition that in all cases it was essential for a judge, where a piea of guilty was tendered by a co-defendant, to direct the jury that that piea played no part in the trial process. Indeed it might be, nissed and the cross-appeal given appropriate circumstances, that a piten of guilty on behalf of one defendant could be of positive assistance to another

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Potts) so

stated on February 5, when dismissing the appeal of Gary Turpin against his conviction on April 14, 1989 in Manchester Crown Court (Judge Gerrard and a jury) of violent disorder.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that there was no validity in the point argued on the appeal that the judge had erred in failing to direct the jury that the fact that co-defendants had

causing damage to property or injury to persons was involved, misdirection in law.

vertheless went on to take it."
Mr McCormick said that the first part of that passage did not comply with the definition of reckless driving set out in a well known passage in the House of Lords by Lord Diplock in R v Lawrence (Stephen) ([1981] RTR 217, 229C-E): "In my view, an appropriate instruction to the jury on what is stituted a ground of appeal.

meant by driving recklessly would be that they must be satisfied of two things.
First, that the defendant was

in fact driving the vehicle in such a manner as to create an obvious and serious risk of causing physical injury to some other person who might happen to be using the road or doing substantial damage to property;

Second, that in driving in that manner the defendant did so withought to the possibility of these being any such risk or, having recognized that there was some risk involved had none the less gone on to take it."

Mc McCornick pointed to the judge's omission of "serious" risk and, at that stage, of there having to be "substantial" damage to property.

He referred also to R v

appeal against sentence, the costs order was quashed.

The prosecution case was that the car carried eight people, the appellant, a front seat passenger, and further have to prove that four women on the back seat and two younger girls, including obvious to any reasonably prusher distance of the property or injury to persons, and further have to prove that that risk would have been and two younger girls, including Madigan ([1983] RTR 178, 182C-D), where Mr Justice cker, who gave the judge should be given ipsissimi verba Diplock.
More recently, in R v Khan

(Raja) ([1985] RTR 365), in which Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, gave the judgment of the court, it was held that the from the direction in regard to the degree of risk amounted to a

Relying on those authorities and on R v Reid (unreported, September 28, 1989, CA), Mr McCormick submitted that, where those necessary ingredi-ents as stated by Lord Diplock were omitted that, by riself, amounted to a misdirection of such seriousness that it con-

In answer Mr Simpson drew their i ordships attention as lead Mr McCormick, to a further passage in the judge's direction, where he, having recited the evidence and made detailed reference to what the Crown and the defence said, went on to say:

"And so there really is the issue in the case. He is a young man who has driven for some two years with a full licence but has driven for longer, who knew this car. The Crown suggest to you that, if he was mucking about' in the way that he was with an overloaded vehicle, a vehicle with some slackness in the steering on a wet road, that that was an act that a prudent driver would realise would create a serious risk of causing either injury to persons or damage to property."

Mr Simpson said that the judge's introduction of the word "serious" there was sufficient to care any error or mistake and that, although the word "substantial" was not used in relation to damage, the case was not one of damage to property and one had to look at such cases against the specific facts of the matter.

Here was an overloaded ve-

issue in the case was whether or not the steering wheel was being pushed to and fro in a manner as "mucking about".

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which some witnesses described Their Lordships saw force in the Crown's submissions, but in the light of the authorities which followed Lord Diplock's speech in the House of Lords in Lawrence, it was clear that the words used by a judge in his summing up should, as closely

as they could, follow the words laid down by Lord Diplock. They were not statutory words but, in order that the jury could fully appreciate the ingredients of the offence charged, it was right and important that the precise words or words of equivalent force should be used by the judge.

the judge in the present case. It, therefore, became nec-essary for their Lordships to consider whether it was right to apply the proviso to section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 and dismiss the appeal on the ground that no injustice had occurred.

On that aspect of the case their Lordships had no doubt. On the facts, where the issue was whether or not the steering wheel was being manipulated in the way suggested by the Crown, if the jury concluded, as they plainly did, that that was being done, then there was no mis-carriage of justice if the words left out by the judge were

in the circumstances and it was ainly a case for application of the proviso. The appeal against

Court can intervene before hearing of tribunal from night-time attacks in a

Regina v Attendance Allowance Board, Ex parte Moras Before Lord Junice Wolff and Mr Justice Pill [Judgment January 25]

Although it was not appropriate in the normal way for applica-tions to the Queen's Bench Divisional Court to be made to vary or correct proceedings in an administrative body or tri-bunal prior to a hearing of that body, there could arise circumstances in which the history of the case did make it appropriate for the court to exercise its jurisdiction to interfere in order to avoid the wasted time and expense of a hearing which, if held as proposed, would be

The Queen's Bench Dissional Court so held when allowing the application of Mrs Dorothy Moran for judicial review of a forthcoming hearing of the Attendance Allowance Board but making no order, for the board would do its utmost to see that the spirit of the judg-

ment was observed. Mr Richard Drabble for Mrs oran; Mr Richard Gordon for

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said Mrs Moran, a married woman of 60, had in April 1983 made an application for an provisions of section 35(1) of the Social Security Act 1975, on

suffered since the age of 17. Sometimes, due to no one's fault, cases created difficulty after difficulty -resulting in long delays, as here - and created exceptional situations;

such was this. The extent of the problem was indicated by the fact that the application had been considered twice by delegated medical prac-titioners for the board, three times by the board's full ten members, once by a social security commissioner, once by the tribunal of the social security commissioners and once by the Court of Appeal (The Times March 14, 1987). Here it was

There was no doubt Mrs Moran was entitled to some attendance allowance and had indeed received some, but what came within the requirements of section 35(1) of the 1975 Act for night-time attendance which, if fulfilled, would require payment

To qualify under section 35 an applicant had, under sub-action (1)(b), to be "...so severely disabled physically or mentally that, at night, he requires from another person ... (ii) continual supervision throughout the night in order to svoid substantial danger to umself or others".

In December 1984 the delegated medical practitioner for the board in his decision rejecting the application accepted that "a risk of substantial danger attends any and every fit which is accompanied by loss of consciousness and during her fits Mrs Moran requires super-vision in order to avoid such a possibility". He further expressed what

was again the accepted view that a person who might have to intervene in the event of an attack should not "be regarded as exercising continual super-vision between attacks. ."

The appeal to the commis-sioner was rejected but the Court of Appeal reversed his decision on the basis that a person available to intervene during a fit was, where the fits case, without warning, supervis-

This case was before the court only incidentally since the application was for judicial review in two forms: (i) the quashing of the of the board's had been taken in the letter of May 10, and (ii) relief in the form of an order, effectively of discovery.

Following the Court of Appeal decision Mrs Moran might reasonably have expected her application to proceed

However, on May 19, 1987 she received a letter from the secretary of the board indicating a preliminary view, that the board had departed from the views formerly expressed in that it now had "looked carefully at the risk of substantial danger to yourself . . . at night. They have noted in particular, the growing body of recent medical evidence

remote possibility".

The board was asked for documents showing the "grow-ing body of ... evidence and opinion" and responded with an illustrative list of a number of studies which it said reflected the general state of medical opinion. The documents dated from 1954 to 1975,

The board's decision in Jenuary 1988 went against Mrs Moran and was appealed to a social security commissioner and overturned by the tribunal of the commissioners on points of law, one being that giving incomplete information was misleading and a breach of the rules of natural justice. It was fully accepted that in the normal way it was not appropriate for an application of

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this sort to be made at this stage. Although a decision ul-timately tainted could be dealt with by the commissioners, as it had been in this case, the Divisional Court nevertheless had a residual discretion to interfere which could be usefully there would be a breach of the

By coming to court an ex-ended hearing which would otherwise be tainted and the expense of it might be avoided. What justified such interference would depend on the

constituted and worked, some of the same members would be bearing the matter again, the chairman would be the same and the board's neurologist would be the same. in a letter from the board on

May 10 it was said that further disclosure of the material which had led to their change of view was unnecessary since the hearing coming up was to be a fresh bearing and the board did not intend to rely on any specific

However, in his Lordship's opinion the earlier material considered by the same people must remain in their minds if only as background material.
It was unusual that the board had changed its views and Mrs Moran was entitled to know what was the reason for that change of view.

Solicitors: Mr Nicholas J. Warren, Birkenhead; Treasury

All procedural undertakings for orders must be scrupulously honoured (who did not appear in the main action) for the respondent solicitors. orders, and by the plaintiffs to 1 Did the same criterion apply continue them, had come below to the exercise of the court's his Lordship – the most serious inherent jurisdiction and to the

Refore Mr Junioe Scott

[Judgment February 1] The same criterion of professional negligence applied ei-ther under the court's inherent jurisdiction or Order 62, rule 11 of the Rules of the Supreme Court before it would exercise its power to order a solicitor personally to pay the costs of a successful litigant; in either case, there had to be a serious dereliction of duty, causative of wasted or additional com.

It had to be understood by all that procedural undertakings included in ex parte orders should be scrupulously

Mr Justice Scott, Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster, so held in the Chancery Division in dismissing an application by the fifth defen-(UK) Ltd for an order that Mrs Gillian Ann Knight and seven others, being the solicitors for the plaintiffs, Manor Electronics

Manor Electronics Ltd and Another Dickson of Course In re Enight and Others, practising as Dibb & Clegg, Pinder, the employees, and Dychem, should pay the costs ordered to be paid to Dychem by the plaintiffs in that action. The grounds of the applica-tion were that Mrs Knight had in that action either failed to act with reasonable competence guilty of misconduct.

> Order 62, rule 11 provides: "(1)... where it appears to the court that costs have been incurred unreasonably or improperly in any proceedings or have been wasted by failure to conduct proceedings with reasonable competence and expedition, the court may — (a) order . . (ii) the solicitor personally to indemnify Jother parties to the proceedings] against costs payable by

be made under paragraph (1)(a) of this rule the court shall give the solicitor a reasonable opportunity to appear and show cause why an order should not be made.

Miss Christine Feliner for

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T & T Clark Ltd 59 George Street Edinburgh EH2 2LQ Tel: 031 225 4703 Fax: 031 220 4260 Tix:728134 MR JUSTICE SCOTT said

that on October 27, 1987 the plaintiffs, prior to issuing a writ, had applied ex parte to Sir Frederick Lawton, sitting as a judge of the High Court, for interlocutory relief, their complaint being that the employees, while serving the plaintiffs, had conspired to go into competition with them and were, in their new employment with Dychem, making improper use of confidential information. On the usual plaintiffs' underas to the issue and service of a writ "forthwith", the judge had granted an appropriate injunc-tion until November 4, restraining the defendants from parting with possession of or destroying various categories of documents and ordering the disclosure of their whereabouts and their delivery-up within 24 hours.

The wnt had been issued on October 29 but, in breach of the undertaking, not served upon Dychem until November 3. Before then, at a second ex parte hearing the judge had made two Anton Piller orders, both of which were executed. In took to serve on the defendants forthwith" copies of exhibits to

served until 2 November. Mrs Knight, the partner dealing with the matter, had told counsel she had no previous experience of intellectual prop-erty langation or of Anton Piller orders and had relied on him to advise upon and draft all the necessary documents. On November 6, 1987

to discharge the interlocutory

applications by the defendants present claims.

an affidavit sworn by Mrs

Knight; but those were not

his Lordship – the most serious ground supporting the former being the plaintiffs' failure to disclose to the judge their financial position, although re-cent accounts, showing a substantial excess of current substantial excess of current habilities over current assets and a questionable balance solvency, had been

In addition, the plaintiffs had been mable to identify any categories of information that would, consistently with the decision of the Court of Appeal in Faccenda Chicken Ltd v Fowler ([1987] Ch 117), have justified protection against use by the employees. He had accordingly discharged those The plaintiffs' counsel had

immediately sought leave to withdraw the motion, and dis-continued the action; and an order had followed for the payment by them of Dychem's Within a year both plaintiffs

had gone into liquidation, with those costs (estimated at £1,000) unpaid, a deficiency of nearly £160,000, and nothing available for non-preferential creditors. Dychem now applied by no-tice of motion for an order against Dibb & Clegg that they should pay both those costs and the damages covered by the

plaintiffs' undertaking The latter was sought under the inherent jurisdiction of the court, as exemplified by Myers v Elman (1)940] AC 282); the former, additionally under Order 62, rale 11. Coursel for Dibb & Clegg had, rightly, accepted that the

court's inherent jurisdiction was

capable of extending to both the

making of an order under Order 2 Had Mrs Knight's conduct satisfied the requisite criterion or criteria? 3 In so far as it did, had such

conduct caused any additional

In Myers v Elman ([1940] AC 282, 290, 292) Viscount Maugham had commented that previous cases "did not depend on disgraceful or dishonourable conduct but on recligence of a conduct but on negligence of a serious character, the result of which was to cause useless costs to other parties", and that the court's inherent jurisdiction "ought to be exercised only when there has been equilibried

That had been generally acthe requisite criterio The present Rule of the Supreme Court had come into effect in 1986, and as to whether it had established a different riterion, two recent decisions of the Court of Appeal were in

First was Sinclair-Jones v Kay ([1989] | WLR | 14, 121, 122) which was disapproved in McGoldrick & Co v Crown Prosecution Service (The Times November 15, 1989).

Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, delivering the judgment of the court in McGoldrick, said: more than the machinery for implementing the inherent jurisdiction. It is not an alternative basis for exercising the

In dealing with the facts of the appeals before that court, Lord Lane applied a test which could solicitors and barristers to be tance of specialist counsel. In

of judgment, McGoldrick was authority for

saying that: (a) The jurisdiction under which solicitors could be ordered to pay costs was the inherent jurisdiction involved in Myers v Elman: (b) In so far as Sinclair-Jones v Kay held that Myers v Elman principles were inapplicable to

applications for costs under der 62, rule 11, it was wrongly ive rise to an order for payment by a solicitor of costs had to be a serious dereliction of duty, not some lesser impropriety.

In his Lordship's judgment the system of judicial precedent required him to follow McGoldrick's case—from which causation, since Lord Lane had court to make an order against a solicitor, the unnecessary expenditure of costs must be caused by his act or default". That emphasized the compensatory purpose that underlay the exercise of that jurisdiction.

2 Did the solicitors' conduct satisfy the criteria? The failures to serve the writ

and the exhibits "forthwith". neither had been very serious: but each and every undertaking exacted from a plaintiff as a condition of the grant of ex parte relief was exacted to protect the interests of a (usually absent and unrepresented) defendant. Mrs accepted as truthful but not as exculpatory.

be understood by all practising specialist case with the assis-

properly be described as a important, that procedural scrious dereliction of the solicitors' duty to the court — parte orders should be scrupomething more than mere error pulously honoured: ignorance and convenience were no

> been a serious dereliction of Mr Knight's duty, in failing to As to her failure to disclose the plaintiffs' accounts and financial position to the court, Mrs Knight's answer had been ber reliance on counsel, who had not raised any point as to financial stability with her or with the clients.

It had not occurred to her that they might not be able to honour their undertakings.

The final complaint was that she had failed to take suf-ficiently detailed instructions so as to identify the confidential information that might properly be the subject of an interlocutory injunction - because had she done so, it would have become apparent, as it did at the hearing, that such information could not be adequately identified.

Here, too, Mrs Knight's an-swer was that she had relied on counsel and had no reason to question his drafts or advice. Had he asked her to take further instructions, she would have

His Lordship accepted that a solicitor owed a duty to the client and to the court to bring an independent mind to bear on the problems of the litigation. but those involving the misuse of confidential information and Anton Piller orders were for specialists.

Perhaps one of the major justifications for a divided prolession was that solicitors like Mrs Knight could act in a

Whether counsel's failure to advert to the plaintiffs, financial position had been negligent was not before his Lordship but it would almost always be prudent for that to be done, unless the identity of the litigant made the That Mrs Knight had no nowledge of the plaintiffs'

financial circumstances had not been challenged, nor her choice Her failure to raise those circumstances with the clients of with counsel of her own motion could not be described

Her failure to take more detailed instructions on the nature of the plaintiffs' confidential information could not be described as a breach of The Faccenda Chicken case

as "serious dereliction of duty".

demonstrated that that special-151 subject required, par excellence, specialist advice.

His Lordship thought that neither procedural breach by Mrs Knight had caused any increase in costs, or wasted any, or caused any extra damage to

If there had been even a fair likelihood of any of those he would have made a compensatory order. As his Lordship did not. Dychem's application

But so as to signal the seriousness of those two breaches, he would order Dychem to pay no more than three-quarters of the respondent

Willey Hargrave, Leeds.

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From John Woodcock

A weather forecast for "cloudy periods and scattered showers" produced another five inches of rain here yesterday, which washed the third and last Test match between Australia and match between Australia and Pakistan further down the drain. The sides will have to return this morning, though, to be ready to play the extra day that was added to the match limit Monday.

Monday.

It might be as well for the International Cricket Council to lay down guidelines, which it would be simple enough to do, as to when, how and whether Test matches may be extended in the event of time being lost to natural causes, riots or even non-co-operation.

non-co-operation Monday's was an arbitrary decision, made with the best of intentions and in the hope of ensuring a good game of cricket after the first two days had had to be abandoned. Yesterday, because everyone felt the match would be better consigned to the record books, it became a patter that matterd.

A good match in seasonable weather, providing Sudan.

A good match in seasonable weather, providing Sydney-siders with their first opportunity of the season of hailing Border's achievers, could have been expected to bring in takings of £500,000, perhaps more. The loss of this, coupled with the dismayingly small crowds at Melbourne for the first Test against Pakistan and at Perth and Brisbane for the Tests against New Zealand and Sri Lanka respectively, has pre-Lanka respectively, has presented the Australian Cricket Board with a critically low aggregate attendance (barely 200,000) for their six Test

The people of Melbourne sent what amounted to an ominous message to the board by absent-ing themselves from their one ing themserves from their one Test match. On the same ground a few days earlier, 85,842 had watched the two one-day inter-nationals, between Australia and Pakistan and Australia and Call Lanks hald on greening Sri Lanka, held on successive

For a five-day Test metch For a five-day Test match featuring as popular an Australian side as there has been for a long time, playing for the silver medal (West Indies hold the gold), only 68,865 turned up. The legacy of Packer, it will be found in time to have been a monstrous illusion.

After the camera that is built

After the camera that is built into a stump, Channel Nine is trying to sell the ACB the idea of another that is stitched into an umpire's hat. Not surprisingly, the umpires in the present match, Tony Crafter and Peter McConnell, believe they siready have enough weight on their shoulders without adding to it.

Dilley dragged off treatment table and into firing line

Mike Gatting may be forced to gamble by including Graham Dilley in his team when the first five-day international match with South Africa starts here today. Dilley's problem knee allowed him to practise yesterday, but he had been ruled out of consideration until Thomas reported unfit with a stomach disorder. Should Thomas be unavail-

able, Dilley will be selected, although he has bowled only 10 overs on the tour and is far from match hardened. The swelling in his knee has subsided, but a specialist in Johannesburg has told him that the relevant bone in the joint will continue to flake for the rest of his career. Almost certainly he will need to have it tidied up with another keyhole operation before the

next English season. Gatting is hopeful that Dilley can survive being used in short spells and that he will still make a contribution in the seven one-day fixtures, even if he misses the two fiveday games. With Dilley's tour fee for this season reputedly £60,000, he is proving a costly

SOUTH AFRICA: S J Cook (captain), A A Donaid, H R Fotheringham, R V Jennings, P N Kirsten, A P Kulper, B M McMitlan, R F Plenser, D B Rundle, R P Sneil, K C Wessets.
ENGLISH XI from: M W Getting (captain).
B C Broad, C W J Athey, R T Robinson, A
P Wels, K J Barnett, J E Emburey, B N
French, R M Ellison, N A Foster, P W
Jervis, J G Thomas, G R Dilley.

investment for the South African authorities.

The uncertainty surrounding Thomas meant that Gatting named 13 players from whom the English XI will be picked. A decision whether to play either Emburey as the solitary spinner, or to include an extra batsman, probably Barnett, will be taken shortly before the toss. With Johannesburg experiencing its thundery season, the odds must favour Emburey.

It looks as if Wells, the only non-Test player among the batsmen, has gained a certain place, together with Robinson. The Wanderers pitch, as always, seems certain to favour seam and pace, so Graveney has to await his chance in the second game at Capetown, where the Newlands ground is more helpful to spinners. South Africa look a gifted and well-equipped team even

to be stronger than their bowling. Donald has immense inaccurate recently and may be feeling the effects of a hard Snell, a raw newcomer, Mc-Millan and Kuiper and the off-spinner, Rundle, also move the ball basically into the batsmen, a familiar pattern for county players.

There is a fierce determination in the English team to prove that they are far from being yesterday's men. They also feel that whatever susceptibilities they have offended by coming to this country, they will salvage some respect as long as they emerge both as winners and as good ambassadors, Nobody carries the torch for burning, professional pride more openly than the captain.

Gatting accepts this is not an England Test team, but be constantly refers to their obligations as an English XI. He has quashed any notion that this touring party would find it hard to summon unity and motivation, and it is impossible not to admire his performance in the circum-

Vengsarkar stays in touch

From Oamar Ahmed, Napier With victory in the first Test middle-order bataman, is match against India in the bag, among the 12 for the second New Zealand are confident of Test. He replaces Dipak Patel, winning the second, which starts at McLean Park here the twelfth man in the first

Thomson toured England John Wright, the New Zealast year with the youth team. land captain, warned, how-ever, that it would be unwise His prospect of being in the team will depend on the to underestimate the Indian nature of the wicket. It apbatting, which failed in the pears to be well prepared and first Test. "One or two of them lively; though on the brownish haven't had a lot of Test side, it is likely to help the cricket but they are very good, strong players," he said. "Their downfall in the first It is, however, unlikely that

New Zealand will leave out the off spinner, John Bracewell, in order to include

India landed here yesterday and were greeted by the former Indian captain, Dilip Vengsarkar, who has been flown in as a reinforcement to the injured batsman, Navjot Sidbu, who broke the knuckles paced bowler and a useful of his right hand off a ball

would be former professional

Sidhu will stay with the team for at least a week before a decision is made to send him home or let him stay for the one-day games with New Zea-land and Australia.

Vengsarkar, one of the most prolific run-getters, had a long period in the nets and ap-peared in touch. "I have been playing cricket at home and have made some useful runs in the Duleep Trophy," he

The Indian coach, Bishen Bedi, believes that India will do much betier here.

HOM (nom): WV Ramen, M Prephaser, S V Manjroker, M Azharuddin, D Vengsarker, S Tendulter, Kepit Dev, K S More, S L V Raju, A Wesson, N Hinsen, A Sharze, M Venketeremena.

British gymnast explodes on the world scene

Raising a glass to world-class tumbler

By Peter Aykroyd

Britain's most accomplished woman gymnast is Philippa Musikant, aged 22, a sports science student from Totteridge. science student from Totteridge. In the explosive discipline of tumbling sha is the third heat in the world as well as second in Europe. She came fourth in the recent World Cup for her sport. Tumbling, which is basically somersaniting, is one of the two sections of the dramatic and comparatively new pursuit of sports acrobatics. The other section is constitution work in which men and women perform to music in pairs or groups, executing symmetric, acrobatic and balletic movement on a 12-metre-spare flowment.

As a tumbler, Musikant works on a 30-metre mat and sequence. It is a sport which, more than most, calls for strength, mobility and an instant sense of timing.

three runs. The first demonstrates different types of ward, backward and sideways. The run must include three different secretaria, one to call different some senits, one to end the exercise. In the second or twisting run, competitors show their shillity to incorporate twists of 180 de more into the simur-saults. The third run must muking elements from both the previous runs.

Musikant, who has a stocky physique with powerful leg mas-cles, started her career as an artistic gymnast. Coached by Eddie Van Hoof, the British men's arisent couch the cupresented the London region at the age of 14, performing the floor exercise in a national competition and taking the aliver

In the same year she was the hallyldusd winner in the British team tumbling championships. Two years later she switched to sports acrobatics and has been a medal winner in the British championships ever since. She is

She was soon selected for interactional dety is nature tour-naments. Her first big com-petition was the 1986 world championships and she captured medals in all mecanity global events.

For Musikant, the attraction of her sport is the thrill and pace of competition. It is an environment to which her natural



Coming on by leaps and bounds: Musikant, gymnast No. 1

Gymnastics Club by Martin Ling, a former national vault champion. She trains four days a week, working with male artistic gymnasts, the only woman to do so. Her condition exercises are, so. Her condition exercises are, of course, geared to the dynamic demands of tambling. She has also received instruction from Matei Toderov, a Bulgarian coach esuployed by the British Amateur Gymnastics Association to train the sports acrobat-

aron to train the sports acrobatics united a paid.

Britain are among the top 10
rations and worthy opponents
for leading Eastern European
nations such as the Soviet
Union, Bulgaria and Poland.
Britain were femaler members of
the International Federation of Sports Acrobatics in 1974 when

the present form of the open was The IFSA hopes that the rapid expansion of sports acrobatics since then will enable it to be a demonstration sport at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, the first move to-

held in 1976 and involved eight pioneering clubs. Today there are over 100 clubs with nearly 5,000 gymnasts who have taken up the sport in a climate of

stylo gymnass was neve taken up the sport in a climate of increasing popularity. Other outstanding British interactional performers inched has Matthews, another distinguished tumbler, and Alison Tout and Easen Cuffish.

In April, Musikant will defend her British title before going to Japan the following month, sponsorship willing, to compete in the Full Cup. But her rights are on the world championships at Angeburg in October. She believe that the has not yet reached her peak and could better her global branze medal status. Her hopes are backed by her recent achievement of a triple back conservant, which she has demonstrated in training but not yet in

branches of gymnastics — artis-tic, rhythule and sports acro-batic — has seized a gold medal at world events but Musikant

ICE SKATING

Dean goes back to the old routine

By John Hennessy

reator of the free dance of sabelle and Paul Duchesnay in Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay in the European championship in Leningrad on Saturday, ex-pressed his delight yesterday with their performance. "They were skating mainly to please themselves," he said. "The fact that the audience was behind them was a bonus." them was a bonus."

Yet there was a time during the summer when there were discussions among the four principals, including Martin Skotnicky, the skaters' trainer in Oberstdorf, about whether or not it would be wise for the French champions to go to

Leningrad at all.

"Both the referee and the assistant referee were from the same two Eastern countries who provided the main opponents, the Soviet Union and Hun-gary," Dean said. "Some people thought Paul and Isabelle would be at a disadvantage. We made a conscious decision for them to

Dean revealed that the Duchesnays' programme, which took the Leningrad Sports Complex, if not the judging panel, by storm, was based partly on a routine that he and Jayne Torvill use as professionals. It had been changed here and there to meet the rules of the Inter-

national Skating Union.

The difficulty of the programme, based on poverty and privation in South America as a contrast to the gaiety of the mandatory samba the day before, was that much of the

"But it still had to flow from one passage to the next," Dean said. "We wanted that lift that looks as though they're falling, but then they recapture it. It had about it, not seem too clinical." It could have looked warped he realized, if they had not had the passion, not much more than a series of three turns with movements around them. He was sure it could be improved in the area of body movements before the world championships

Meanwhile, an analysis of the judges' marks brings out the encouraging fact that Mary Parry, of Britain, was one of the minority of four who placed the French couple second to Marina Klimova and Sergai Ponomarenko, the Soviet champions. Three others placed them third and there was food for cynical thought in the fact that the two that had them fourth came from the Soviet Union and Humsary. the Soviet Union and Hungary.
"We felt the public were
behind us," Isabelle Duchesnay
said later, adding the shrewd
rider: "Maybe the judges will be
part of the public one day."

SPORTS LETTERS

Football clubs should follow American model Cricket used as Redevelopment of Epsom

From Mr Graeme J. Allan Sir, If Lord Justice Taylor's proposals are implemented, he will go down in sporting history as the man who saved our national sport. The tragedy is that it is 25 years too late. To describe the majority of football grounds as equalid is a just description. The average football fan has been neglected and regarded by directors as a mere source of revenue. It has been forgotten that he is the ner, without whom there

would be no football. The average supporter pays approximately £4 to stand in antiquated slums, sometimes in appalling weather, squashed and jostled, and often does not get an adequate view of the game. He is herded into a pen like an animal, and is subject to the elements and the louts. These pens have now been shown to be death-traps. The toilet facilities resemble those used during the Great Plague of 1665; and refreshment facilities are often a hole in a brick wall (closed during the second half), at which one queues for paper cups of alleged tea, coffee or Bovrii, or

pies which are cold.
Such facilities may have been acceptable in 1900 when standards of living were lower for the vast majority, and working conditions were inferior, but they will not do for 1990.

What a contrast with Ameri-

what a contrast with Atherscan stadiums. Sporting events offer a day out for the family. Everyone sits down, under cover, with a view of the match. There are TV replay screens, suitable toilets, and bars, cafes and restaurants. Pre-match entertainment is provided, and often such stadiums incorporate gyms and leisure outlets.

Parking facilities are pa-trolled, and it is easier to police trolled, and it is easier to police such stadiums. Those who say that total seating destroys at-mosphere should ask them-selves: "Are American football matches staid affairs?" I have sat in stands in Football League

Accurate passing

From Mr Simon Giles Sir, I am moved to comment on Mr A. Willey's somewhat sour letter (February 1) about Graham Taylor, the Aston Villa manager. He is misguided in three respects.

three respects.
Firstly, while Mr Taylor's assertion that he bought Gordon Cowans "on the basis of three fruitless passes" may be slightly tremains sound in exaggerated, it remains sound in practice — Cowans was undoubtedly bought because of the because of the deficiencies of the team for whom he was playing. Furthermore, I believe Mr Taylor to be basically honest, and I fail to see what advantage he would gain by making the

statement if it were not true.

Secondly, Mr Willey considers Mr Taylor's contention, that he could tell, by sound alone, whether it was Cowans who kicked the ball, to be absurd. In other sports, for example cricics and golf, the sound of the stroke

grounds, and not noticed a lack of banter and humour and atmosphere. Indeed, a esson-ticket holders.

Test was their failure to

He hopes that, as in the first Test, his bowlers, spearheaded by Richard Hadlee, will again

The wicket at McLean Park

has a reputation for helping seamers in the Shell Shield.

Shane Thomson, a medium-

establish partnerships."

be dannting.

All-scated, comfortable grounds with modern facilities will encourage families and respectable people back to foot-ball. The lout, will be discouraged by the price of tickets and the shortage of an arena in which to perform his savage antics. The sale of tickets will gets into matches.

How will this be financed. I offer the following suggestions:

1. Football Levy Board advocated by many inside

2. Football Trust Government grants - as

4. Sponsorship by companies, eg "Joe Bloggs Ltd Stand".

5. Percentage of transfer fees going on ground improvements,

e.g. five per cent.

We must ensure that third and fourth division clubs do not suffer as they are the life-blood of football. They provide new talent, enrich cup competitio and status and civic recognition for many towns.

I remain your obedient servant
GRAEME J. ALLAN.

9 Wellington Avenue, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear. From Mr David Gibbs

Sir. The Taylor report criticizes football clubs for their blinkered concentration on success on the field of play at the expense of all else. It calls for "a vision and imagination to achieve a new ethos for football". As part of this new ethos the clubs might see their responsibility as not just to run a successful team in the Football League but also to develop and foster the game in the local community and in particular amongst the young. Organized team games have virtually disappeared from the maintained sector of education,

is a good indicator of the way in which it was made, in particular of how well it was timed. Hence it does not surprise me that the sound of Cowans striking the ball is different from that of other, less gifted (at least in that

leaving a vacuum which the

respect) members of the team.
Thirdly, the ball possession
analysis, on which he sets so
much store, is fundamentally
irrelevant. The Villa v Everton match which he discusses occ-urred pretty much at the start of the Villa revival; he should not therefore use it as an example of failed planning, but rather to demonstrate how much work must have since been done by the whole team in order to achieve their current position. More importantly, and particularly in relation to Cowans's ability, it is not always the sequence of passes that matters,

so much as the accuracy of the final one. Yours sincerely, SIMON GILES.

football clubs might fill. Boys of all abilities from age six to eighteen should be able to go regularly to the club for coachg and matches. The right facilities would be needed (notably floodiit, all-weather pitches), as well as coaches and or-

players. Ground improvements to meet the Taylor requirements are estimated to cost £130 million. The Government has said that it is unwilling to subsidize such private sector investment. If however clubs were fully committed to these community schemes, state fund-ing might be made available, perhaps as part of the current inner city initiative. Yours faithfully, DAVID GIBBS.

(Housemaster) Colvin, Haileybury College, Hertford.

From Dr John Ashton Sir, Now that Lord Justice Taylor has reported. I would make one proposal which could solve several problems simulta-neously and should not cost the Government an unreasonable

amount of money.

Football clubs should be required to broaden the shareholding base by a mechanism akin to the privatizations which have taken place in recent years. Although some clubs have shareholders the clubs are essentially fendal institutions comparable with paternalistic forms of government.

A meaningful "flotation" of shares aimed at the supporters could easily bring in large amounts of money and at the same time produce real sup-porter involvement. I suspect that even many of the smaller clubs would be able to find 2,000 supporters willing to buy £100 each of shares. With the first and second division cinbs the sums raised could easily run into millions. If this approach was adopted, the money which is available from the pools, etc. could be concentrated on the poorer chibs. There may be some case for topping up from public money via the Sports Council for particular chibs. Council for particular clubs. Yours sincerely, JOHN ASHTON,

Fair play required From Mr Malcolm Tozer Sir, A Saturday free of school rugby matches, yet filled with car journeys taking daughters to music and riding lessons, found me listening to the France v England rugby international on Radio 2. But never again.

19 Eaton Road,

Fair play on the pitch must surely be matched by fair play from the commentary box; but I was led to believe that England was at war with France, that no prisoners were to be taken, and that all cowards were to be shot. Identification with the English team might just be excusable,

From Mr Tony Humphris Sir, Lord Justice Taylor's ex-cellent report dispels any com-placency about the association between heavy drinking and the control of football crowds. He rightly rejects any relaxation of the present restrictions on the sale or possession of sloohol within football grounds. But with the World Cup in Italy looming up, should not the Government and the football

authorities do more to counter what Lord Justice Taylor calls "a cult of drinking to excess"? The association between sport and heavy levels of alcohol consumption is deep-rooted; a survey last year by the Health Education Authority found that 4t per cent of heavier drinkers listed playing sport as a recreation and 22 per cent are regular sports spectators. Another recent survey found that a fifth of young males aged under 25 earning more than £200 a week were drinking over

50 units of alcohol a week on average — a level of consump-tion which medical opinion regards as unsafe. Football's requirement for incommercial sponsorship, occasion in England (May 14, among whom alcohol brands 1970):

are prominent. Twenty-three
Football League clubs, as well as the FA Charity Shield, the pending some energy to defend

non-League competitions are drinks-sponsored. It is to be hoped that the Government's ministerial group on alcohol misuse will tackle of disapproving people, howthis anomaly. It should also encourage the drinks industry to
promote their low and noalcohol brands through football sponsorship and to disseminate near a premises where such
lawful musuits are taking place. information about levels of

Yours sincerely. TONY HUMPHRIS, Director of Public Affairs, 305 Gray's Inn Road, WC1 From Mr O.E. Palmer Sir, Why, my Continental colleagues ask, do football supporters stand on terraces and sit in

Yours faithfully,

O. E. PALMER,

11 Causeway,

Cressington Park, Liverpool 19.

Horsham, West Sumer. but the ever-present jingoism and the vilification of the French were not. How good it was to get back in the evening to the television and the video. The even reporting by Grandstand's commentators ment of both matches played that afternoon. One could

MALCOLM TOZER (Headmaster), Northamptonshire Grammar School, Pitsford Hall, Pitsford, Northampton.

hardly detect that Bill McLaren

political tool From Mr David Tudor-Pole

From Mr David Tudor-Pole
Sir, Richard Streeton (January
31) says that the "root cause" of
trouble in South African townships is "a cricket match". Isn't
that rather naive? The root
cause is political (apartheid), for
which cricket has been made a symbol by political means by

The distinction between sport and politics is as old as the original Olympic Games of which the founders established the principle of the Olympic Truce. Under that principle even hostilities between actively warring states ceased in order to allow the Games to take place. It is sad that this civilized idea in ancient Greece - where democracy was invented - appears to have been totally forgotten in the 20th century. Yours truly, DAVID TUDOR-POLE.

Fless, Ermington.

From Mr M. E. R. Bulloch Sir, When I read Richard Streeton's extraordinary com-ments on the tour to South creased funding to meet the cost Africa (January 31) I am com-of modern stadiums will in-evitably mean a bigger role for anced comments on a similar

Scottish FA Cup and numerous the principle that ordinary lawful pursuits are not to be exposed to enforced abandon-ment because of the violence, threatened or actual, of groups of disapproving people, how-ever admirable their moral

near a premises where such lawful pursuits are taking place, whether these are at Kimberley, or wherever. Yours faithfully

M.E.R. BULLOCH, 12 Whitby Road, South Harrow, Middlesex.

Notable pairing From Mr Edward E. Greenhalgh Sir, I was delighted to read (January 22) of the propos

nominate Sir Leonard Hutton as president of Yorkshire CCC, which coincides perfectly with his old England colleague and batting partner, Cyril Washbrook, being president of

When, if ever, was the last time two former England play-ers, who shared so many suc-cesses together on the field, white on to the presidency of their Their style of play, attitude and enjoyment should be a

model for any modern cricketer who seems to have lost his way. Yours faithfully, E. GREENHALGH, 19 Caroline Terrace, SW1.

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From Mr Donald Kurr

Sir, You have carried statements (February 5 and 6) by representatives of United Racecourses about the alleged dangers on the part of the Epsom and Ewell Borough Council's planning committee if they fall to approve the £15 million development. development proposed on of one grandstand and the refurbishment of the other. These statements are coupled with the suggestion that the Derby may be moved from Epsont if the council does not

toe the line.

If a developer applied for permission to build conference facilities for 300 people, an exhibition hall and banqueting facilities in an important Green Belt area there is little doubt that the application would be refused and the refusal upheld on

appeal. Yet this is just what United Racecourses is attempting to do. There is no question, about this development, of sports facilities paying their way. What is

Valley of despair

From Mr Richard Redden Sir, It is ironic that the first of Lord Justice Taylor's call for modern football stadiums came just two days after the issue of is report - and foundered

The rejection by Greenwich Council of Charlton Athletic's plans for a new purpose-built all-seater stadium at their former bome, The Valley, illus-trates just what a Catch 22 situation any football club faces trying to meet Taylor's

proposals.

No modern stadium with first-class facilities can exist on revenue from just one first-class. football game a fortnight. Yet Greenwich Council turned the Chariton application down on just that point. It rejected the club's plans for social, dining and commercial facilities at the new stadium because of opposition by residents.

The Valley, bounded on two sides by the slope of an old chalk pit and close to a railway line and a main road, is in one of the least residential areas of any stadium in London, so what hope is there for other clubs seeking to fund the changes

To walk — or not From Mr M. B. Hedgcock Sir, The thoughtful End Column by Ivo Tennant (February 6), on the batsman's choice - to walk or not to walk, overlooks an argument put by Australians which helps explain why we produce so few walkers.

authority by taking decisions away from him: the umpire is there to say out or not out. The corollary of the walker's argument would logically be that he would stay when given out in error - reducing the game to chaos. However, the extension of the "walk to the umpire's decision" policy must be un-

This is that players have no right to undermine the umpire's

proposed is a massive commer

cial undertaking inserted into the Green Belt for the purpose of subsidising the necessary modernisation of the grand-stands. It is said that some 30 trade events are planned per year which are estimated to bring something like 700 visitors and 450 cars a day to the new building, a volume of traffic which can only be detrimental to the area. There will not even be a countervailing benefit of he

The threat to move the Derby should not be taken too seriously. The famous course can-not be replicated elsewhere and the moment the case was moved it would cease to be the 210year-old Derby and become just another 14-mile flat race. Certainly the grandstands need modernisation but the work should be on a smaller scale. Epsom council should have the

Yours faithfully, DONALD KERR, 32 Downs Road. Epsom, Surrey.

Taylor secks? Last year, Charlton tried to move to a new site on part of a waste industrial area on the Greenwich Marshes. In this environment, too, they failed because wasteland fetches much

than for sporting and rec-But the lessons for football spread still further to the third and last option for Charlton — a move to a green-field site near a motorway where they could develop a stadium in a similar location to many Continental stadiums. Such is the tightness of Green Belt policy in the South-east that that is imposnible as well.

more when sold for housing

Only one club has managed to break out of this vicious circle in recent years - Scunthorpe United with their new, compact ground by the M180.
Unless Government overrules councils or industrial property owners, clubs seeking to meet Taylor's requirements will fail through no fault of their

RICHARD REDDEN,

grudging acceptance of the I lost faith in the walker's principles when I saw two notable Test captains — one English, one West Indian, both regarded as total sportsmen make ostentations gestures to the crowd after being given out. the crowd after being given out, caught at the wicket, to argue that the ball in each case had hit

This makes a fool of the unfortunate umpire, which is why I still prefer the Australian approach — always provided of course that the player leaves without making a fuss to suggest the decision was wrong. Yours sincerel M. B. HEDGCOCK. 14 Clifford Avenue, SW14.

arm, not bat.

Echoes from Auckland

From Mr Graham Dove Sir, I take issue with Simon Barnes (February 3), when he states that it seems likely that we are entering a fallow period for middle-distance running. I also take him to task for his unfortunate remarks about Peter Ellion that he is "first class of the

second class." Elliott is a fine ambassador, both for his sport and for our country and has taken both defeat and success with the highest degree of sportsman-ship. His silver in the Seoul 1,500 merres, whiist not fully fit, and now his commanding gold in Auckland are testimony that this fine athlete is indeed from the top drawer.

As for the future, I have the pleasure of coaching young middle-distance athletes and as I attend track and cross country meetings around the country, am amazed at the depth and quality of the next generation of youngsters, inspired by Coe, Ovett, Cram and Elliott, who will undoubtedly go on to become the next generation to bring us acclaim in the "blue riband" event. Elliott and a hopefully fully fit Steve Cram are poised to lead these young athletes forward to yet another GRAHAM P. DOVE

Sheffield, South Yorkshire From Mr David Barnes Sir, Possibly the most moving moment in the Commonwealth Games was the rendering of "Danny Boy" by a real

8 Endcliffe Grove Avenue.

This prompts me to reflect on the nature of national anthems.

That chosen to represent "Land of Hope and Glory", conjuring up, at least to my mind, the image of an imperialist nation, surely inappropriate to these Games in particular and perhaps offensive to some of the medal-winners from other nations (and possibly our own country).
Surely there are more appro-

priate alternatives — a song could capture the essential qualities of England as preceived by one of her sons or daughters a long way from home.

I admit it is not easy to think of an obvious choice. One of the best I have been able to come up with is "Ilkla Moor ha' t'at" although it has been suggested to me that the theme time from

The Archers would be more

appropriate. Yours faithfully DAVID BARNES 42 Curzon Road, WS. From Mrs D. Halpern

countries comprising Great Briain should compete as a nation, but as this is not the case in the Commonwealth Games, why is Britain banned when a Welshman competing for Wales is positively dope tested?

25 Sheldon Avenue, N6.

Sheffield reaches for a new skyline

problems of the company organizing the World Student Games have tended to overstudow the achievements in the largest sports facilities construction programme this country has seen, which will rank among Europe's best

There is a supreme irony in the timing of the building programme, which cannot fail to impress anyone touring the new facilities, costing £147 million, which are dramatically changing the Sheffield

skyline.
The tragic events at Hillsborough last year led to the report by Lord Justice Taylor, his condemnation of standards at football grounds and recomendations for allseater venues and yet, in the same city, the most modern stadiums in Britain, incorporating many of the judge's most important suggestions, are at an advanced stage of

In July next year some 6,000 athletes from 120 nations, together with up to 250,000 spectators, are scheduled to descend on Sheffield in the largest sports event staged

in this country.

Building has moved steadily ahead despite the doubts and uncertainties that have dogged the operations of the organizing company, Universiade GB Ltd, as it goes about raising the £27 million to run the event, secure television coverage and leading

The wisdom of the decision by Sheffield City Council to bid for the Games, as a means of stimulating the longer-term nomic regeneration of a city hit by the decline of its traditional industries, has been frequently questioned and will continue to be so until and unless the event is brought in on time and within

What cannot be doubted is the courage and scale of the undertaking Although not all of the £147 million is being provided by the council, it is inderwriting most of the programme. Borrowings will cost the citizens an estimated £8 million a year for 22 years,



beginning in 1992, which represents just over one per cent of the authority's overall spending in the current finan-

According to council officials, the figure is the equivalent of between 45p and 50p a person on the poll tax, a little enough price, they argue, for the first-class facilities which will be available for their use.

Peter Price, deputy leader of the council and chairman of Universiade, said: "We want to make Sheffield into Britain's city of sport and the facilities we are building are our investment in the future. The value of sport to the economy has traditionally be undervalued in this country

amoyed.
"It is kritating for my oppoments because they can't tell
what I'm feeling. I make sure
nothing distracts me. Opposents
can complain or get upset if they
want to, it doem't bother me. In
fact, it works against them
because I know they aren't
concentrating. I suppose I just
wear people down."

It has been a hard struggle to
the top. Smith has spent 10
years living in the shadow of her
arch rival and best friend, Heles
Troke, formerly top-ranked

Troke, formerly top-ranked British player, At one point the

women were jointly ranked No. I, but in the last 12 months Smith has finally taken the No. 1 position in her own right and now the Commonwealth gold has put the icing on the cake. At the last Games, Troke

beat Smith in the final to take the singles title.

Douglas to tackle Nick Faldo. Curtis Strange and Jumbo Ozaki in the Nissan Super Skins, dispel

the memory of his poor start to the season and demonstrate that he is still the official world No. 1.

Norman followed an indif-

ferent performance in the Tour-

nament of Champions by disqualifying himself for an

infringement of the rules during the Palm Meadows Cup further

down the balmy Queensland
Gold Coast from here.
He has also met with controversy off the fairways because
of the death of a great white

shark which occurred last week-

end during the filming of a fishing documentary which in-volved him and Bob Shearer.

another Australian golfer, "The

shark may have been sacrificed

for the sake of publicity." Dr lan

Gordon, a marine scientist, said.

reputation as a teacher has

has entered the discussion as to

why Norman in the 1980s won

only one major championship, the Open at Turnberry in 1986.

"Greg is like a young racing car driver, often reckless to the

point of being dangerous," Leadbetter said. "It seems that

mere winning is not enough for

David Leadbetter, whose

ificantly increased because of his success in coaching Faldo,

mous potential for us. Long after the Student

Games are over, the worldclass venues we are providing will enable us to attract major sporting events, with all the benefits that will bring to the city and its image. It is a calculated risk but we didn't go into this blindly.

A recent poll, commis-sioned by the BBC in conjunction with a programme about the Games, showed that 83 per cent of people in Sheffield who were questioned wanted the event to go ahead, although half of those interviewed believed that central governshould financial losses

thought the Games and the facilities would create more jobs and investment in

By the time the Games open, six new facilities will have been built, including an indoor events areas, to be used for gymnastics, basket-ball and volleyball, with 10,000 permanent seats. Costing £34 million, it is being funded by an American group.

The two most spectacular renues are the £52 million Ponds Forge international sports and leisure complex in the heart of the city and the £28 million Don Valley Athletica Studium on the site of a redundant steelworks in Sheffield's old industrial eastern edge of the city and an area targeted for reseneration.

The athletics stadium, due for completion this spring, provides for up to 40,000 spectators to be seated, features an Olympic standard synthetic track with 8 x 400 metres lanes and a 10-lane straight, sunken to avoid wind interference and with indoor events facilities. Floodlighting of television broadcast quality is being built into the stadium which will also house the means for modern drug-test-

The council has discussed with both of the city's football teams the possibility of their using the stadium as an alternative to expensive improve-

the wake of the Taylor Report. No decisions have been taken. Ponds Forge, built on the site of an eighteenth-century water-driven grinding mill

will provide, among its many facilities, a 50-metre, 10-lane swimming pool and a diving pool, both of Olympic standard. Among the many inno-vative design features of the 1.5 million gallon capacity pool are mobile bulkheads which can be used to divide it into three sections and a floor that can be adjusted to alter depth levels.

The Princess Royal, who is patron of the Games, is to perform the topping-out cere-mony on the building next month and work is expected to be completed by Christmas.

SKIING Italy lead

military

downhill

Both the Italian Alpini and the British Army retained their downhill titles at Zwiesel, West

Germany, during the Portakabin British Services

pionships (a Special Corres-

why he is on the verge of World

Cup skiing by winning in a time of Imin 36.33sec. Gilles Tronel, of the French air force, and Walter Holzler, of the West German army, were second and

Hugh Hutchison led the army

to victory in the Combined Services event and he also took the individual award in a time of lmin 43.75sec, which gave him fifteenth place overall.

The national handicap skiers were led home by Mike Ham-

were led home by Mike Hammond, a one-legged slicer, who also managed to beat two racers within the military competition.

RESILTS: international: 1, P Stemmer (R. 1min 36.33sec: 2, G Trovel (Fr) 1:37 13: 3, W Hoteler (WG) 1:38.81. Team International: 1, Haitan Alpini, 108.102tt; 2, France, 186.21; 3, Germany, 203.90; 4, Combined Services, 401.47. Combined Services individual: 1, H Hutchison (Army), 1:43.75: 2, G Crawford (Army), 1:43.75: 2, G Crawford (Army), 1:43.75: 2, C Bonnington (RAF), 1:45.82. Team: 1, Army, 4:14.80; 2, RAF, 548.02; 3, Poyal Navy, 804.58.

Peter Slemmer, of the Scuola

pondent writes).

RACING

Royal Athlete and Pitman master all for Ascot triumph

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Royal Athlete survived torrential rain, gale force winds and a heart stopping blunder at the fourth fence from home to win resterday's Old Road Securities Reynoldstown Chase for the allconquering team of Jenny and

"He's going to take a lot of besting in the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham after that," said the jockey triumphantly. "He shot me up his neck and both my legs were on the right hand side. The strength of the head wind in the straight of the head wind in the stangar was unbellevable, but he was still running away at the finish." This breathtaking perfor-mance certaintly stamped Royal Athlete as the best staying novice chaser in the country.

but both Carrick Hill Lad and Celtic Shot fell badly from grace.
Carrick Hill Lad, the crack northern novice, was made 11-8 favourite to extend his unbeaten sequence of victories to nine. But his normally bold and decisive jumping went to pieces.
Royal Athlete eventually bear
Last House by 15 lengths with
Carrick Hill Lad finishing a
further three lengths away third.
Celtic Shot was all of
10lengths adrift of the leaders
when he fell at the fourth fence.

then he fell at the fourth fence from home. "He was fighting his way back after losing his place," said Peter Scadamore, "But I said Peter Schdamore, "But I don't think we would have

in the absence of Desert orchid, Ballyhane was made 13-8 favourite to capture the Charterhouse Mercantile Chase for Josh Gifford, But, not for the first time, Jim Joel's nine-year-old flancred only to deceive and weakened in the straight to finish fifth behind Ten Of

This was certainly a triumph for two of the grand old men of steeplechasing. Colonel Billy Whitbread, who owns Ten Of Spades, is 89 and Fulke Walwyn, the winning trainer, will be 80 in November.

will be 80 in November.

Ten Of Spades, absent from
the track during the 1988-89
campaign, had made a successful comeback on the course in
Jannary. Kevin Mooney made
virtually all the running on the
10-year-old and comfortably resisted the attack of Paddyboro,

at 33-1 for the Cheltenham Gold Cup. "We knew he loved the heavy ground, but we wanted to find out if he stayed," said Cath Walwyn, the trainer's wife. "He will now go straight to

It was the turn of anothe veteran in the Daily Telegraph Hurdle when Ryde Again, owned by the 82-year-old Kitty Hayward, proved too strong fo Calabrese. A stone better off with the runner-up than in a handicap here recently, Peter Cundell's seven-year-old eventually won by three lengths. The disappointment of the race was the even-money favourite, Mrs Muck, who finished a well beaten fifth.

The consist will now be trained for the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hur-dle at the National Hunt Festi-

David Elsworth, Desert On chid's trainer, had his first winner for a month when Wink Gulliver gave a bold exhibition of fast and fluent fencing to beat Western Dandy by five lengths in the Daniel Homes Novices

Another Coral, the 13-8 favourite was struggling to go the pace in the last mile and finished 12 lengths away third. Five inches of rain in the past week had made the going very testing and, in the opening A F testing and, in the opening A F Budge Novices' Hurdle, What-ever You Like had to show high courage in the conditions to eries the determined attack of Man Of The West.

Richard Dunwoody rode the winner for Nicky Henderson and afterwards the trainer said: 'He's a good long-term prospect

Jimmy Fitzgerald was thrilled by the performance of the runner-up who was attempting to concede 10lb to the winner and failed by only half a length. "He certainly earned the right to go to Cheltenham," said the trainer, who added that Hill Street remains a definite runner for Saturday's Tote Gold Tro-phy at Newbury. Fragrant Dawn may be withdrawn if the going is too heavy.

Sandown cup weights

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Neher 5 10 8, Tencred Send 7 10 7, Midnight Shrites 5 10 6, Without A Doubt 8 10 6, Rempellion 7 10 5, On Tap 6 10 4, Micrody Man 5 10 4, Nighterd Bounty 6 10 3, Inpartial Brush 8 10 2, Permuts Pet 5 10 1, Austhorpe Sunnet 6 10 1, Smart Penformer 5 10 0, Gitt Bretzes 8 9 13, Instant Tan 6 9 13, Tebitio 7 9 12, Otrectly 7 9 12, Pun High 7 9 12, Pactoha 7 9 5, Christman Run 8 9 8, Elegant Stranger 6 9 8, Vorteshirersen 5 9 7, Little Toro 8 9 5, Norre Too Deatr 8 9 4, Gutt Prince 5 9 3, Ringgan Beat 5 9 0, Billio 7 8 11, Gold Tint 5 8 11, Capulet 7 8 10, Big Reish 5 8 7, Big Dismond 6 8 3, Derboy 8 7 8, To be run at Sendown, Merob 10.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan and its players are well rewarded

Wigan, the Challenge Cup holders and championship leaders, yesterday unveiled the healthiest balance sheet in the club's history. Profits in the last financial year were £280,000, a record. The overdraft has been wiped out and the club is free of

The published figures show that the Wigan players are the highest paid in the game. Among them they picked up just under £600,000 last season in

wages and expenses.
Wigan had a total turnover of £1.25 million, with success in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup, in which they beat St Helens in the final at Wembley, bringing in

more than £274,000.

Maurice Lindsay, the club chairman, said: "This is the reward for 10 years of hard work and sensible housekeeping, and all the profit will be ploughed back into the club."
Further good news for Wigan

is that Andy Goodway, their Great Britain forward, is ahead of the field in the voting for the Man of Steel award, sponsored by Stones Bitter. This is the Rugby League's player of the year award, chosen by the players themselves.

Widnes are appealing to the Rugby League for a retrial for their Great Britain centre, Andy Currier, who has been banned

The Widnes coach, Doug Laughton, said yesterday: "We have written to the League asking for a retrial because we are convinced Andy should be

David Howes, the Rughy League spokesman, said the Widnes request would be re-ferred to the board of directors. They will have to decide whether a retrial can be held. It would be an unprecedented step," he said.

HOCKEY

Navy denied victory by last-minute goal

By Sydney Friskin

Cambridge Univ... A goal in the last minute from a

A goal in the last minute from a short corner by Richard Atherton, the Cambridge University captain, deprived the Royal Navy of victory in the annual match at Coldhams Common

The absence of the injured Grady caused some dislocation in Cambridge's middle line. First Nienow and then Atherton himself were tried at centre half. But there can be no excuses for the chances they missed at close quarters, particularly in the first half. Some years have reassed since

the Navy came to the forefront of services hockey, their skilful blending of youth and experience making them look a lot sharper this season. They beat London University 4-0 on Tuesday, with Spinks scoring two goals. Yesterday he was again conspicuous and Black and McRae shaped well in attack.

The Navy had an early setback when an unfortunate lanse in their defence gave Cambridge the chance to go ahead within three minutes of the start.

Bennett presented Ogle with the chance to run through and he passed to Lloyd, who put a

soft shot past the stranded Cambridge derived no profit from their first short corner in

the tenth minute and there

followed a period of Navy

to be denied however and in the 23rd minute cleverly steered home a free hit from the left by Mather to level the score. Cambridge missed two good

Castledine made two brilliant saves from Spinks, who was not

chances to regain the lead before the interval, as Hooper and Atherton miscued in front of The Navy began the second half with Spinks earning a short corner which came to nothing,

although Shalcroft was permit-ted two shots. Askins came close to a score after a move initiated by Watson who eventually gave the Navy the lead in the 22nd minute of the second period from a pass by Black.

Successive spirited Cam-bridge attacks were successfully beaten back although they twice went tantalizingly close to equalizing in the end the Navy were a little unlucky to concede a short corner from which Atherton drove the ball into the net off the goalkeeper. EDGE UNIVERSITY: T Cas

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: "T Cestingline (Coventry School and Queens): "A Atheriza (Merchant Taylors' Crosby and Owning; M Berber (Framweligate Moor and Pembroke). P Deel (Perse and Trinky Hell). A Clerk (Changrinouse and Magnatione). "N Hooper (Pengbourre College and Ermanuel)." P Menew (King Edward VI Birmingham and St. John's), P Vamish (Coventry School and Churchill). "S Ogle (Muschester GS and Clare). R Lleyt (Hitchin and St. John's, Gb. Jones (Dulwch College and St. John's)). "W Priestly (Torbridge and Trinky Hall)."

ROYAL MAYY: Cdr N King: Sub-Lt Q Delesmith, line C Chalcreft, CPO Henry, CPO Q Matther, Lt M Sensett (sub: LASM M Ardegn), Wir L Wetson, Lt S Askins, LEMT Spinits (sub: PO N Walker), Sub-Lt S Black, CPO D McRee.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL OVERDEN PAPERS COMMUNICATION Arsensi v Queen's Park Rangers (7.0).
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BOXING: Derek Angol v Eddie Smith (USA) (Elephant and Castle). SNOOKER: Berson and Hedges Masters (Warnbley).

SQUASH RACKETS A surprise

reverse for Harris

From Colin McQuillan

Harris, the British champion, 15-12, 14-17, 12-15, 15-10, 15-6 in the first of their wand-robin For Maclean, aged 26, this first win over Harris, the English

No. 1, in senior competition more than justified his invitation to this £38,000 event which has previously avoided including more than one Briton in the

This year, however, the Scotnoion and the leading Welshman, Adrian Davies, were brought in. Davies lost in straight games in yesterday's first group B match to Chris

Dittmar, of Australia.

With Ross Norman losing to
Jahangir Khan, the defending
champion, who is in search of
his eighth successive win, Maclean's unexpected breakthrough throws group A wide open. One more outstanding performance from him could oust both Harris and Norman Harris failed against Maclean

only because the Scot produced one of those superlative performances he reserves for hig occasions. Both players retrieved with astonishing flexibility on the glass court at the Curzon Club and Harris appeared ready to surge for victory parts the third came when Maclean in the third game when Maclean was inhibited by a slight back

RESULTS: Round-Robin stage: Group A: Jahangir Khan (Palc) bt R Norman (NJ-17-15, 15-2, 15-4; M Maddem (Scot) bt D Harris (Engl. 15-12, 14-17, 12-15, 15-10, 15-8. Group St. C Ditmer (Aus) bt A Davies (Wales), 15-9, 15-11, 15-10.

Cannon soon brought back to earth

Seven days ago UTC Camou toppled the Pimm's league lead-crs, Leeks Welsh Wizards, to manoeuvre themselves into contention to regain the title they won two seasons ago (a Special Correspondent writes). This week they rumbled to Village Leisure, of Manchester, the only team with a realistic chance of thwarting the title aspirations of the Cardiff side. tion of success without their top two players, Del Harris and Ross Norman. Paul Carter was promoted to top string, but Rodney Eyles, recently arrived from Brishane, and the lower

Lambs kept alive their faint hopes of closing on the top group with a solid victory over Embassy Edghaston Priory.
Only Brian Beeson lost out in a Martin. And there was no reward for Weir Systems Surrey who could not secure a win against GT Sports Abbeydale to move off the bottom. RESULTS: Plenn's principal description (Cannons (London) 1: Lambs (London) 4. UTC Cannons (London) 1: Lambs (London) 4.

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Rising quietly to the very top

Britain's leading badminton player will not let rivalry spoil a good friendship

women's doubles, making her England's most successful competitor in any sport in Auckland. Auckland.
Yet for all her schievement,
Smith is the last person to go
telling the world of her success.
Quiet and soft spokes, ahe is an
assessming champion. "It's just
say sanner," she said. "I am in
control all the time. It has
helped me on court — I seldom
lose a game because I am
amoved.

Wearing them down: on mass since we were 14," Smith said. respect Helen as a player and

"I respect Helen as a player and she respects me. Neither of as will loosen up on court. She is just another opponent."

But friendship lasts longer than rivalry. At Smith's wedding, Troke was one of the bridesmaids. When she is not playing, Smith will go to support Troke at tournaments.

"I watch her a lot and want her to win, but the other side of it is I want to win more than her when we are playing together." Badminton at the Common-wealth Games is something of a

"In the Open last year he appeared to be trying to birdie every hoie. That is the only way I can explain his choice of shots

in two of the play-off holes. He

was much too aggressive both on his chip at the 17th and again

with his tee shot and first bunker shot at the 18th."

Norman, who will be 35 on

Saturday, has won 58 tour-naments around the world. He will win more before his career

is over, although he will need to

be more favourably treated by good fortune if he is to win the

major championships he craves.

His immediate target is to

dominate the Super Skins - which he was unable to do 12

months ago when Jack Nicklans

won the most money — and then successfully to defend the Australian Masters, which takes place at Huntingdale, Mel-bourne, next week.

The Skins event, with a prize

fund of Aus \$675,000, (about

£305,000) will be played over 36 holes on Saturday and Sunday.

If two or more players tie a hole, initially worth Aus \$10,000 (about £4,500) each, rising to

Aus \$30,000, the prize-money accumulates until one player

GOLF

Norman ready to turn

tide after poor start

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Queensland

Greg Norman has hit Port few times as well. That also loughs to tackle Nick Faldo, means that he often blows a fuse

ing every day bur one. And for Smith, winning gold without the supportive presence of her husband, Peter — also a badminton player — and brother, Mark Elliott — also her coach — made ancress doubly sweet. "It's not as if it's the Olympic Games or world championships," she said. "But it it's something no one can ever take away from you. I did it

many mortgage companies that will accept a badminton player's

ever take away frost you. I did it on my own, although I could never have achieved so much without the help of my family." Not that gold medals bring fame and fortune. There are not

meagre winnings as security for a loan. And after a few days of celebration with her family and celevation with her minuty and sponsors, Slazenger, it is back to work in preparation for the Uber Cup and the European championships in Magow in

Her one luxury before getting her one taxany before getting back to the training courts is a skiing holiday she and her bushand have been promising themselves for four years. "We never went before because of my budashton," Smith said. "But if we don't go now, we'll never go." Alix Ramsey

TENNIS

ing champion, Fiona Smith, and her Auckland medals

Zivojinovic pays for Yugoslavia's failure

Slobodan Zivojinovic, after fail-ing to lead Yugoslavia to victory also lose, but at least they would

over the tennis minnows of New Zealand in the Davis Cup last weekend, is to be dropped from the squad and handed over to the army.

He was due to begin a compulsory 12 months' nat-

ional service at the end of the year, but his failure to defeat Kelly Evernden after leading two sets to love has angered the team captain, Radmilo "It was the match we should not have lost, and it's likely we'll make way for Slobodan to serve his duty and let in some younger

players," he said reflecting on Yugoslavia's 3-2 defeat. "Things are going to change for some. I can guarantee that no half-hearted players will show up in Yugoslavia's Davis Cup squad

Andrew Castle, the national champion, kept British hopes alive in the LTA men's challenger tournament at Telford with a straight sets win over Simon Youl, the fourth seed, in the third round yesterday. Castle recovered from 4-2 down in the first set and saved two set points in the second winning 7-6, 7-6. He faces Peter

From Barry Wood, Wellington, New Zealand Clare Wood fought, but not

very well, in the second round of the Fernleaf Classic here, and was defeated 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 by the Austrian, Beate Reinstadler. It was absurd that Wood should lose the first set after leading 4-0. But that was cour-tesy of Reinstadler, ranked 160 to the 159 of Wood, who hardly hit a forehand in court.

The standard of tennis was

dreadful. Reinstadler managed to retrieve quite a few balls but did little else. If Wood had fully applied herself, there is no doubt she could have won with case. MCSLATS Second of W Probal (WG bt A Services (Cz), 5-7, 6-1, 6-6; S Waszerfran (Be) bt S Franki (WG), 7-5, 6-1; C Tolardos (WZ) at D Fabor (US), 7-5, 6-2; B Reinstadler (Austria) bt C Wood (GB),

Castle carries hopes

victory over Chris Bailey, of Norfolk, yesterday.

RESULTS: Third reund: P Nyborg (Swe) bit C Basey (GB), 5-4, 5-2; A Castle (GB) bit S Youl (Aus), 7-6, 7-8; B Garrow (US) bit C Bergstrom (Swe), 8-2, 8-2; F Sentoro (Fr) bit P Bear (WG), 6-3, 1-6, 6-3, Second reund: Bellow bit N Uligen (Swe), 6-0, 8-4; Gerrow bit N Uligen (Swe), 6-0, 8-4; Gerrow bit N Bornetk (Aus), 5-2 rid; Nyborg bit B Peerce (US), 7-6, 6-1; Cardio bit R Weiss (US), 5-3, 8-7; 2-1 ret: Bergstrom bit J Turner, 5-3, 8-1; Bear bit O Soules (Fr), 5-7, 7-6, 6-3; Youl bit A Obscivator (USSSR), 6-7, 6-4, 7-8.

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GOLF: Screensport 10sm-midday; United States PGA: Highlights of the AT and Y Pabble Seach Open; Eurosport 1-2, 3-5 and 5-6pm; Highlights of the Jameica Classic from Montego Ray, Parts one and two, and the United States States game. ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 8-10sm; Neslead Hockey Langue.

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with GLENSTAL ABBEY a distant 7th.
MISTER ODDY led 2 out but had no chance with the
winner when B 2nd of 17 to Bedralteni at Windoor
2m 30yd, good) with SHARPIN SHIRE behind.
VAILT ran well in good company on the Fast most
notably when S 2nd of 20 to Great Commotion at
Newmarket (7t, good to soft).

KOWZA ran on to be 3! 2nd to Sie

Guide to our in-line racecard

Receard number. Sti-figure form (F - fell. distance winner, BF - beaten favourite in P - pulled up. U - unseated rider. B - brought down. S - stipped up. R - refused. (F - firm, good to firm, hard. G - good. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days aince last outing; F if flat. (B - bitinkers. S - solit, good to soft, heavy). Owner in V - visor. H - hood E - Eyesheld. C - course puls any allowance. The Times Private winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and Handicapper's rating.

2.45 RACING IN WESSEX CHASE (E3.800: 211 51) (11 INMERS)

1 110P-02 BERTINES 40 (CD,F,Q,S) (Mrs D Bulk) D Murray Smith 11-12-0 III Bowthy 64

2 P32-P12 BERDOPS VARN 19 (C,Q,S) (BTTR 8 B Ptc) G Balding 11-12-0 III R Geest 76

3 11F-121 DESERT ORCHIO 44 (CD,F,Q,S) (R Burridge) D Elevanth 11-12-0 III R Deserbody 9 89

4 32P-414 HIGHWAY EXPRESS 283 (CD,S) (M White) R Hodges 9-12-20 III W Inviers (3) 57

5 13F-117 JOINT SOVEREGRAPTY 91 (F,Q,S) (G Gdy) P Hobbs 10-12-0 Peter Hobbs 62

6 2162-12 PADDYBORO 1 (F,Q,S) (C (CR) F Tymeriti-Drake) J Gifford 12-12-0 III MON-RURNER 17

7 20F163 RUSTSTOME 14 (G,S) (R Brown) R Brown 10-11-10 III MON-RURNER 19

8 240-546 RUSCH DE FARGES 1 (D,S) (F Parrant) M Pipe 7-11-6 III MON-RURNER 10

10 2404F7- BEFERIAL CHAMPAGE 578 (C,Q,S) (C Reprinted) Miss J Thome 10-11-2 III D Deven 60

11 1112-22 MZDMA SPRING 20 (C,F,Q,S) (Mrs K Stuern) Mrs J Retter 11-11-1 III B Powell 56

BETTING: 2-5 Desert Orchid, 9-2 Bishops Yarn, 7-1 Joint Sovereignty, 14 Southermair, 16 Bertres, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS Extended YARN was just outbetted on the number of the Brief at Haydock (3m, sort). DESERT ORCHED quickaried up to comformably beat Sambrook Again B in the King George VI Chase at Kempton (3m, good).

JOINT SOVEREIGNTY scored at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good) in November when leading close from to best Golden Freeze a neck; latest disappointed when pulled up 10th behind Clever Folly.

Selection: DESERT ORCHED

3.15 DICK WOODHOUSE HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,758: 2m 5f)-(17 runners)

1989: HANIGR S-12-0 Mr T Mitchell (7-1) N Mitchell 17 ran

FORM FOCUS ARCHIE'S NEPHEW was ridden clear to best King Neon S here (3m 1f, soft). HANKIR won this corresponding event in 1989 when driven out to best Prince Remboro 4f (good to firm) with ARCHIE'S NEPHEW a distent 7th.

POLAR GLEN recorded best effort when pushed clear to best Rich is at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to firm). RODGEN BROOK won by it from Maini (levels) here (3m 1f). He is open to improvement.

COLCOMBE CASTLE looked an improving per-

3.45 FOVANT NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-0: 21,996: 2m) (20 runners)

15 THE WIDGET MAN 35 (D.S) (A listery) J Gifford 11-5

P ALICONIS 21 (Mrs R Davies) Mrs A Knight 10-7

DEL JAY PIEE 37F (D Jones) B Precce 10-7

2 DONATIST 5 (S Jocham) Miss J. Bower 10-7

22 FAVOSKI 29 (8F) (Mrs T Cook) i Werdle 10-7

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P86 GO NOBLEY 20 (Mrs E Ogden White) T Thomson Jones 10-7

GREYFRIARS BOBBY 178F (Mrs B Taylor) Mrs J Retter 10-7

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4.15 GELLINGHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,197: 2m) (13 runners)

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mson 5-10-0

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ...

2.45 RACING IN WESSEX CHASE (£3,850: 2m 5f) (11 runners)

Bishops Yarn looks principal threat to Desert Orchid

(Michael Phillips)

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Ascot's loss yesterday is undoubtedly Wincanton's gain today because, instead of contesting the Charterhouse Mercantile Handicap Chase on the Berkshire course, Desert Orchid was diverted west at the eleventh hour to the Somerset track for this afternoon's Racing In Wessex Chase.

Two things are clear from the outset. First the horse that everyone loves to watch now

everyone loves to watch now has an even better chance of bearing in mind that Desert promising initial performance recording his thirtieth victory than he did yesterday—today's race is a conditions

that the did yesterday—today's race is a conditions.

The did yesterday—today's race is a conditions. event whereas yesterday's was betting prospect.
Trefelyn Cone, on the other

Also, it will not simply be a case of giving an exhibition of jumping before an adoring audience, who have seen him Novices' Hurdle Qualifier, when the crack female winner for the crack female Instead of facing only two,

the pick of whom is Bishops

Count over a similar trip at Haydock last month before being just outstaved by the content of th being just outstayed by Nick lic as she won a couple of The Brief over further on his return to the Lancashire track, Harness that experience to her Bishops Yarn is very much the schooling at home and that horse in form.

Bartres, the winner of the material to cope with Cadford corresponding race 12 months Girl, Bremhill Rosie, Cooks ago, or Joint Sovereignty who Lawn, Fair Agnes and Rosie winner last time out, while the ran badly at Cheltenham in Marchioness on these terms. Gamston Handicap can go to Mackeson Gold Cup there so companion Malamute Saloon, have a bravely the previous month. a 30,000 guinea cast-off from already.

over for next month's National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham.

The five-year-old, who won more than £200,000 on the French circuit last year, was yesterday described as a certain runner in the £50,000 Waterford

capped Pyreness at Pan race-course. Charles Aubert, the winning jockey there, will again take the mount at Cheltenham.

Dasque is having a second crack at the premier prize for staying hurdlers. Richebourg, his challenger last year, finished

a creditable seventh behind Rustle after almost tumbling

over two flights from home.

Dasque is planning a return trip to England the following month when he is likely to have

two runners at the Liverpool
Grand National meeting.
Among the 8,000 crowd at
Pau on Sunday was Edward
Gillespie, Cheltenham's general

manager, who said yesterday:
"Tito L'Effronte won in good
style and will certainly add an
exciting international flavour to
the festival."

There were no surprises among the entries, announced yesterday, for the main Chelten-

Ascot's loss yesterday is undoubtedly Wincanton's sain Inspection at Newbury

Also, it will not simply be a hand, looks a sound investeven though she is trained by Martin Pipe (something which three or four opponents, as has been the case here in the past, Desert Orchid now has eight, wins this season have all been gained in National Hunt flat

ability to win three bumpers The same cannot be said of off the trot, and she looks nap

December after winning the Later in the day, stable Qualitair Aviator, another to Yesterday's rain will have Henry Cecil's Flat yard, can

at Southwell, the remarkable Alex Greaves success story apprentice in the Old Clipstone Claiming Stakes Qualifier.

First time out Super One finished 11/2 lengths behind Able Player on the track when they were both put in their place by Great Service. Now Super One will be meeting Able Player on 6lb better terms.

With the all-weather form working out well in the main, the Design Contractors New Balderton Claiming Stakes should be won by Masked Ball, a course and distance have excelled at Southwell

Blinkered first time ensured that conditions open his jumping account by underfoot are now very much winning the Fovant Novices' Southwest: 240 Captain Brown. 3.10

Top French chaser Terminator in gamble heads for festival Tito L'Effronte, the leading companion, also holds both for Lincoln chaser in France, is to be sent engagements.

code since an outing over hurdles at Kempton 26 months ago but Fitzgerald has no peers at laying out a horse for a big handicap

Zako was in heavy Grand National demand yesterday with Corals, who have laid him to lose £80,000 and reduced his price from 25-1 to 16-1. Stan Mellor's

from 25-1 to 16-1. Stan Mellor's nine-year-old, the winner of his last three races, has been allotted 9st 11th at Liverpool.

Also well backed for the National yesterday were Call Collect and Lastoffhebrownies, both 20-1 from 33-1 with Hills.

The same firm report support for Guy Harwood's Digression for the Derby and he is now 16-1

Alec Russell dies, aged 73

from 25-1.

Terminator, trained by Jimmy Fitzgerald, was the subject of a major gamble for the William Hill Lincoln yesterday.

The spousors report hefty interest in the seven-year-old and make him 12-1 clear favourite, from 33-1, having laid him to take out £100,000.

Corals have cut his odds from 33-1 to 14-1, having laid him to Carvill's Hill and Maid Of Money are the only Irish entries for the Gold Cup but there are six from Ireland among the 37 in the Waterford Crystal Cham-

French circuit last year, was yesterday described as a certain runner in the £50,000 Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle by Jean Dasque, his owner-trainer.

Tito L'Effronte limbered up for his British venture with a weekend victory amid the snow-capped Pyrenees at Pan racecourse. Charles Aubert, the winning jockey there, will again take the mount at Cheltenham.

Dasque is having a second last year. Corals have cut his odds from 33-1 to 14-1, having laid him to lese £80,000, and he is now joint-favourite with last year's runner-up. Ottergayle.

Terminator won twice as a four-year-old in 1987 when trained by Heary Candy and finished third to Balthus in that year's Cambridgeshire.

He has not run under either code since an outing over hurdles.

Cheltenham entries CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP (3m 2f):
Aquiller, Beilytene, Bernbrook Aquin,
Bishops Yarn, Bob Tisdail, Bonanza Boy,
Brown Windson, Call Collect, Carrick Hill
Lad, Carvill's Hill, Cevvies Clown, Califo
Shot, Cool Ground, Desert Orchid,
Envopak Token, Golden Freeze, Kidimo,
Mald Of Money, Midnight Count, Nick The
Brief, Norton's Coin, Over The Road,
Pegueli Bay, Phoenix Gold, Playschool,
Rusch De Fergas, Ten Of Spades, The
Belowell Boy, The Thinker, Toby Tobies,
Twin Oeks, Yahoo. To be run on March
15.
CHAMBOOM HERDIE (Prof. Bank Views.

15.
CHAMPION HURDLE (2m): Bank View, Beach Road, Cruising Attitude, Deep Sensation, Dis Train, Don Valentino, Elementery, Floyd, Flying Ziad, Fourth Of July, Grabel, Rosem, Island Set, Jimy, Jack, Joyful Noise, Kribensis, Laplerre, Maeston, Mote Board, Morisy Street, Neevog, Nomadic Wey, Osric, Past Stories, Penny Forum, Persien Syle, Rempelion, Redundant Pal, See You Then, Sondrio, South Parade, Space Pal, Sudden Victory, Vagador, Verlodisn, Vigyrue, Vicario Di Brity, To be run on Murch 13.

David Elsworth, as expected, has entered Desert Orchid for the Queen Mother Champion Chase in addition to the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup. Barnbrook Again, his stable

Murch 13.

OULEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE (201): Bentrook Again, Brootmount, Clever Folly, Desert Orchid, Feroda, Ida's Dalgitz, Impertain, Medicacur, Midnight Count, Parto Prince, Peerlyman, Private Views, Sabin Du Loir, Waterloo Boy, Wolf Of Badenoch. To be run on Merch 14.

Farrell's lucky escape

Speck slipped on the turn into the home straight while leading on the first circuit of the Curate Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

trampled on by the other seven runners, getting away with noth-ing worse than a bruised left leg-23 attempts.

escape from serious injury at Southwell yesteday when Grey

plastic rails but was unscathed.

A steward inspected the spot where the accident happened and decided that Grey Speck, who was wearing blinkers for the first time, had shied at the Farrell was lucky not to be further action was taken.

Victory went to Sirocko Bay, who was breaking the ice after

Alec Russell, whose riding career lasted almost 40 years, has died in hospital. He was 73. has died in hospital. He was 73.
Russell partnered his first
winner in 1935 and was still
riding in 1973 at the age of 57.
His big race victories included
the Free Handicap and the
Sussex Stakes but he will be
best remembered for riding all
six winners at Bogside in 1957.
Margery Nightingall, a promineat member of the famons
Epsom racing family, died on
Monday. She was 87.
Alec Russell obitnary, page 14

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Going: soft

1.30 (2m hdis) 1, WHATEVER YOU LIKE
(J White, 5-1); 2, Man Of The West (M
Devger, 11-2); 3, Atlant (G McCourt, 5-1).
ALSO RAN: 9-4 tev Riverteed (481), 5
Tinyland, 9 Lepente, 20 Book Of Gold
(pu), Dark Honey (5th), 33 Proveng (6th), 68
Count Me Out (pu), 10 ran, 5t, 15t, 15t,
12t, 4t, N Henderson at Lambourt, Toler
24,90; 51,90, 51,80, 52,30. DF: 512,20.
GSF: 231,04.

24.00: £1.90, £1.80, £2.30. DF: £12.24.

CSF: £31.04.

2.0 (2m ch) 1, WINK GULLIVER (R. Arrott, 4-1; 2, Western Dendry (R. Pornell, 5-1): 3, Another Count (R. Durascody, 13-6 tay). ALSO RAN: 5 Fusgo Boy (5m), 9 Setter Country (4m), 10 Beau Guest (ur). 31 Lumies) Laise (6m), 7 ran. 5, 12, 11, 14, 25). DE saworin at Whitsbury, Tote: £5.20: £2.50, £3.50. DF: £16.50. CSF: £29.35.

2.30 (3m Indie) 1, RYDE AGAIN (G. McCourt, 11-4); 2, Catabarcae (R. Durawoody, 6-1): 3, Brabarzon (B. Powell, 25-1). ALSO RAN: Evens tay Mirs Muck (5th), 10 Threely Star (6th), 12 Pragada (4th), 16 Miss Nero, Santella Bobkes, 50 Mineral Dust (pu), 88 Gien Ock, Sterne (pu), 11 ran. 3, 2%, 11%, 5, 71. P. Cunded at Compton. Tote: £4.40; £1.70, £2.10, £3.50. OF: £10.40. CSF: £20.34.

3.5 (3m ch) 1, TEN OF SPADES (K. X3.60. UF: £10.40. CSF: £20.84.
3.5 (3m ch) 1, TEN OF SPADES (K Mooney, 11-2): 2, Paddyboro (Pessr Hobbs, 12-1): 3, Man O'Magic (M Perrett, 7-2), ALSO FAN: 13-8 tav Bailyhana (Shi), 11-2 Rusch De Farges (Shi), 7 Cool Ground (4th), 25 Castle Warden (pu), 7

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Jackpot: Not won (Pool of 23,086.65 carried over to Nowbury temorrow).
Placopot: 22,471.80.

Southwell

ran, NRt: Desert Orchid. St. 2%1, Zt. 41, dist. F. Wahwyn at Lambourn. Tote: 25.80; 22.30, £4.20. DF: 225.00. CSF: 255.48.

Tricast: E236.84.

3.35 (3m 1-h) 1, ROYAL ATHLETE (M. Pitman, 11-4); 2, Last House (D Gallagher, 25-1); 3, Casrick: HE Lad (N Doughty, 11-8 tot). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Centic Short (n, 8 tot). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Centic Short (n, 8 tot). ALSO RAN: 15-8 (Amy; 2, Reheereing (1, 2, 3); 50 Buckshes Boy (5th), 7 can. 151, 31, mk, dist. Mrs. J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.00; £1.90, £4.30. DF: £21.80. CSF: £47.81.

4.5 (2m 4f hdie) 1, CELTIC BARLE (D Skyme, 10-1); 2, Sweet Caby (L O'Hara, 14-1); 3, Riverdian (D Benneyworth 14-1); 4, Restric Cassady (P Hotley, 13-2), ALSO RAN: 11-2 (Has Yang) Gold (6th), Golds Ran; 8 (Has Yang) Rang, 8 (Has Yang Tota: E4.00; 21.90, 24.30. Br. 22.50. CSF: 247.81.
4.5 (2m 41 hids) 1, CELTIC BARLE (D Styrms, 10-1); 2, Severt Cby (L O'Hera, 14-1); 3, Revertino (D Benneyworth 14-1); 4, Restric Costeody (P Hotley, 13-2), ALSO FAN: 11-2 ji-fav Strong Gold (Bril), Gods Fox, 8 Popeswood, 9 Trust The Infah (ps), 10 Father Time, 12 Little Toro (5th), 20 Strokestown Led, 25 Austhorpe Surses, Whisting Tiger, Borne Arms, Bester Weeve, Cartaz, 33 Fleet Commender (pu), Final Alma, Hill-Street-Blue, Derk Strota, 50 Jeyelbs Dream, Poons Express (pd), 22 rat. 3, 101, 151, 20, 152, H Hodge at Wera, Tota: 211.80; 22.40, 54.80, 52.70, 22.50 DF: 2198.50, CSF: £144.48, Tricast: 21.851.31.

CSP: 219.11.

3.40 (2m 4f hole) 1, SNROCKO BAY (Mass A Stokes, 3-7); 2, Bloom Westior (A Judies, 11-4); 3, Silect Princese (S A Harris, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Seect Park (4th), 8 Sharket (5th), 9 Fame And Glory (pu), Scots Gep (8th), 14 Grane Back (std. 8 ran. NF: Kenthworth Caste. 15, 4, 10, 30, cls. M Berracketh at Caverdon. Toke: 24.50; 21.50, 27.50, 21.10, DP: 23.20. CSF: 21.4.01. Titicast: 283.15.

4.10 (2m 41 ndle) 1, WHITEWASH (S Smith Eccles, 2-7 fav); 2, Rockmartia (B Storey, 8-1); 3, Italian Tear (J Calleghan, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 13-2 Trabonkarn (3h), 20 Tremer Led (8m), 23 Sweet Sirenia (4th), 6 rán. 6l, 2, rás. 2, 10, lats D Haine at Newmorket, Tota: £1.10; £1.70, £2.10. DF: £5.40. CSF: £3.83. Placapot: £8.80.

for 2.500gn.
3.10 (3m hole) 1, SILKS DOMINO (J. Ryun, B-1); 2, Bankar's Gossio (R. Bellamy, 5-4 tay); 3, Remahare Wood (Jers A. Farral, 7-4). ALSO RAM: 7 Airs Peoperpot, 14 island Lockembr (Stin, 20 Another Scally (5th), Mesambry-anthemum, 35 Freelance (4th, 8 res. 11, 7, 4, 122, 1%). M Ryan at Newmanics. Tota: 55.90; 51-40, 21-40, 21-10. DF: 210.50. CSF: 219.11.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Saw Atlence Chase: Manta. Seegman Grand Maticost: Manta. All engagements (desd): Knockan Boy, Barner Coh., Finst Clear, Breszy Glory, The Cider And Bun, Khakrutah, Turf King, Bworth, Young Adventurer, Miss Me Not, Mister Bramble, Grogen, Wasti, Wine Celler, Smart Ter, Undaussed, "redia.

Selections By Mandarin

2.45 Desert Orchid. 3.15 Archie's Nephew. 3.45 Malamute Saloon. 1.15 Fred Splendid. 1.45 Garrison Savannah. 2.15 TREFELYN CONE (nap). 4.15 Record Flight.

By Michael Seely 2.15 BREMHILL ROSIE (nap). 2.45 Desert Orchid. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 MALAMUTE SALOON. Brian Beel's selection: 3.15 Hankir.

Going: good to soft (soft patches)

1.15 BOURTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,926; 2m) (21 runner	s)	
1 53/0002- HOLY JOE 263 (S) (T Pillington) A J Wilson 8-11-10	J Oeborne	92
2 1210 MCK THE DREAMER 45 (D,F) (S'act & D'set Racing) W G M Turner 5-11-8	P Holler (3)	90
3 00-054 HUNDECOLA 9 (J Ritter) El Prance 5-11-6	S Kalabday	20
4 2805/-P2 CRANCHETER 19 (A Wates) T Etherington 5-11-5	Fahren	95
5 3-63 GUN HAPPY 31 (PSB (Recing) Lid) R Holder 6-11-4	N Mann /71	92
6 32/P-200 COURT APPEAL 13 (B) (A South) C Pophers 8-11-4	B. Powell	23
7 24/4-5 COUNTRY DAMSEL 44 (R Barber) J Old 6-11-3	S Mellell	83
8 0/00-F01 RIVER KINGDOM 19 (D,S) (G Smith) J Redmand 7-11-2	R Goldetein	25
9 4 BATTLE DRUM 16 (Lady E Hugent) D Hugent 9-11-1	1 White	
10 344-65P CAME DOWN 44 (Major N Martin) N Mitchell 7-11-0	D Streets 45	25
11 000-6 AISHOLT 26 (Kampress Printers) K Bishop 5-11-0 Denie	o goldeni (2)	85
12 CPP4/-GD GERACHTY AGAIN 19 (G A Associated) B Stevens 7-11-0		80
13 302-U39 DRESS UP 96 (C Shadbolt) N Ayilfle 6-10-13	G Brades	- 80
14 6845/04- THE QUIETSTAN 409 (Whitcombe Manor) N Mitchell 7-10-13	A Toru (Ti)	1 15
15 00-000 MISS FERM 20 (Phipps, Balley, Duane & Co) R Dickin 5-10-11	ar length	80
18 36305 CROWN AND HORNS 30 (Miss S Stott) Mrs J Reter 6-10-9	at annua (5)	60
17 003200 EJREE 44 (P Duffy) R Brezington 5-10-9	A Denimocoy	85
18 162302 BANCVAR 31 (D,F) (J Joseph) J Joseph 5-10-8	- × coggan	91
19 SIEGO OF COLORS WE SEE CHIEF TO STORE S	2 00 mean	
19 SUPC-00 GC-GC-SAM 28 (Airs S Watery) P Watery 6-10-4	" D DOGG (1)	_
	W 17830	94
21 36-0506 CASTLE JESTER 8 (Mrs C Ellott) J Ellott 5-10-0	MES C ERIOR	13
Long handicap: Castis Jester 9-10.		
BETTING: 4-1 Fred Splendid, 5-1 Crancheter, 6-1 Gun Happy, Country Demsel, 8-1 (The Dreamer, 10-1 Eyee, 12-1 Samovar, 14-1 others.	burt Appeal,	Nick
and the second of the second o		

1989: MELTON BUTTH 8-10-13 G McCourt (9-2) H O'Nell 17 ran

FORM FOCUS NICK THE DREAMER witner of a hundle
at Southwell (2m., AW); tatest ran a fair race to finish
18 the of 17 to Run To Form at Lucidow (2m., good).
GUN HAPPY weakened run-in when 101 3rd to Keep
Hope Alive at Wolverhampton (2m. good).
COURT APPEAL would enter calculations if
reproducing the form of a 1 1/1 2nd to Close Escape

at Deven (2m 11, soft, RIVER KINGDOM at out to
best CRANCHETER (18) better off) at Warwick (2m.,
good to soft).
SAMOVAR ran on to finish 1/2 2nd to Sing The Stuse
at Lingfield (2m., AW). FRED SPLENDID one-paced
111 3rd of 13 to Henry Line at Chapstow (2m., heavy),
is an improving sort an easonably weighted.

Belection: FRED SPLENDING

repr	containg in	ne romii or a 17a 210 to Cicse Escape Belection FRED SPLEAD
1.4	5 WINC	ANTON CHALLENGE CUP (Novices chase: £2,758: 3m 1f) (20 runners)
1	FB31	JUST SO 16 (S) (H Cole) J Roberts 7-11-10 Mr S Borrough (7)
2	420-12	MIGHTY PINE 28 (G) (T Lewis) S Christian 9-11-10 Mr G Upton (3)
		OUR FELLOW 12 (BF,S) (N Kelef) D Murray Smith 6-11-10 M Bowley
4	F/P0/-P6	ARCTIC MARINER 21 (J Shears) J Shears 12-11-2 R Machales (7)
- 5	40-F	CAPTAIN FRISK 18 (C.I. Services Mr. K. Raline 7-11-2
ã	5/5-058	CAPTAIN FRISK 18 (C L Services Ltd) K Ballay 7-11-2 R Deceased CELTIC CAPFE 21 (J Cori) J Cork 11-11-2
7	23-PF	DAYBROOK VERS 48 (R Brown) J Honeybell 8-11-2 H Dayles
á		DIANES DESTRIY 8 (G) (Mrs D Upson) J Upson 8-11-2 G Bobese (7)
ě	621/130-	EVER HOPEFUL 402 (F) (M Padfield) D Barons 8-11-2 J Freet _
10	3/61-352	GARRISON SAVANNAH 20 (B.Q.S) (Autofour Engineering) Mrs. J. Pitman 7-11-2 M Pitman @ 6
11	400-302	LORD TORENAGA 26 (S) (M Kimming) F Wahryn 7-11-2 Mr Q Oxtey 7
12	02-4422	MANDRAKI SHUFFLE 8 (8) (Mrs J Dibben) O Sherwood 8-11-2 J Cebome 1
		SPORTSNEWS 30 (B) (Mrs J Debenham) P Hobbs 8-11-2 Peter Hobbs 7
14	4/53-00	TOPSHAM BAY 13 (M Marsh) D Barons 7-11-2 S Earle -
		ZUMMERSET 8 (G) (D Coombs) D Barons 8-11-2 R Greene (7)
16	500	ERICA MAY 63 (Mrs B Skinner) C C Essy B-10-11 G Brackley -
	999445	HF UPHAM 36 (R Brinkworth) D Gandotto 8-10-11 W Hemphrays (3)
		LANDA'S TEPPLE 23 (V) (Mrs B Marin) D Gandollo 6-10-11 S McNell =
		SCARLET DYMOND 13 (Mrs M Smith) G Ham B-10-11 B Powel _
20		SPRING TIME PEARL (P Render) C Broad 7-10-11
Tore	nega, 12-	: 9-4 Mighty Fins, 11-4 Our Fellow, 4-1 Gartison Sevenneh, 5-1 Mendraid Shuffe, 10-1 Lor 1 Topsham Bay, Dianes Destiny, 16-1 others.
	•	1988: GHOFAR 6-11-10 B Powell (7-4 fav) D Eleworth) 13 ran

FORM FOCUS JUST SO faces a suffer task than when besting Bold Lament a length at Chepstow (3m., heavy). IerGHTY FINE an excellent 12 winner from Knight Oil at Towcester (2m 5f 110yd, good); latest proved no metch for Empy at Ascot (3m, good to sort).

OUR FELLOW rept on to links 3t 2nd to Oksetse at Doncaster (2m 4f, good); sarrier accounted for

Haimejor 31 at Folkeetone Sm 28, good to soft where LANDA'S TEPPLE feel 7th. GARRISON SAVANINAH ran a good race to links \$1 2nd to Knight Oll at Towcaster (3m 190yd, good to Sm). He tooks to be improving with experience.

MANDRAIG SHUFFLE 'kil Znd to The Nigelstan at Windoor (3m, soft) with DIANES DESTRAY 281 4th and ZURANICHSET failing at the 4th.

2.15 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,180:

1	011020	CADFORD CIRL 8 (F,S) (P Coombes) W G M Turner 6-11-7	
2	1	BREMIGILL ROSIE 30 (5) (Mrs J Dibben) O Sharwood 7-11-0	
3	0-	CHURCH LEAP 374 (Blueford Ltd) K Balley 6-10-7	-
4	62	COOKS LAWN 25 (Mrs M Cobham) C Brooks 5-10-7	•
5	P	CUT ABOVE THE REST 30 (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 8-10-7 3 Powell	_
- 5	6-	DEIRDRES DREAM 313 (Poll-mell Pariners) K Ballay 6-10-7	_
7	643-003	FAIR ACINES 31 (S Griffiths) S Griffiths 6-19-7	. 1
- 8	6530- 0	FARMCOTE AIR 22 (Miss S Prait) Mrs H Parrott 8-10-7	
9		FARRANRORY 17 (Miss J Gibson) O O'Noll 6-10-7	-
10	Ď.	GRANGE EXPRESS 49 (D Gandolfo) D Gandolfo 6-10-7 8 McMail	_
11	50-62U	HOW MAJESTIC 17 (P Lee) S Christian 6-10-7	- 6
12		INDIAN CRUISE 24 (Lord Gricoston of Westbury) N Henderson 5-10-7 II Dominoody	-
13		JUST MEASURE 44 (Sir G Brunton) D Elsworth 5-10-7	-
14	4F5F6-0	LADY CATCHER 44 (J Pratt) J Bosley 5-10-7 M Bosley	- 7
15		LAWSON PRINCESS (Mrs E Davis) N Davis 6-10-7 PRichards	-
16		MARSH SIRK 21 (F Habberfield) P Hobbs 8-10-7	-
17	250-	MISS NEPTUNE 433 (P Higson) D Barons 6-10-7	-
18		MISS WRENSBOROUGH 60 (5) (Pletinum Racing) D Gandolfo 7-10-7 W Hamplerays (8)	-
19	005/PO-2	ROSIE MARCHONESS 24 (V Barclay) F Walwyn 7-10-7	- 1
20	30-0064	SCANPERED 24 (Mrs G Marwell) J Gifford 6-10-7 R Rome SISTER-IN-LAW 13 (Mrs P Scott-Dunn) W Wightman 7-10-7 M Richards	7
21	/0/-0462	SISTER-IN-LAW 13 (Mrs P Scott-Dunn) W Wightmen 7-10-7	
22	111	TREFELYN CONE 41 (F,G) (Mrs. J Wests) M Pipe 5-10-7	-
Scar	BETTING: mpered, 9	: 2-1 Trefelyn Cone, 11-4 Gooks Lewn, 7-2 Brenthill Rosie, 8-1 Rosie Merchior -1 Indian Cruise, 14-1 others.	100
	-	1989: PARSONS LAW 6-11-7 T Morgan (9-4) (J Edwards) 20 ran	

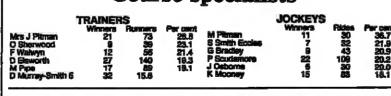
FORM FOCUS SREAMEL ROSE, a 20-1 shot, ran on well to account for Ninja (winner since) by 2% at Leicester (2m. good to soft) on her reaccounte debut and looks capable of improvement.

COOKS LAWTN just tailed to get the better of Stephene Per here over 2m (good) when going down by a short head with SISTER IN LAW (same terms) 99 3rd. May be capable of further improvement. FAIR AGAISS 177 3rd to the useful Lucky Verdict at Chapatow (2m 4t, soft).

HOW MAJESTIC % 2nd to Miss Muck at Newton

Abbot (2st Sf 110)d, heavy) where CADFORD GIRL finished 25i 8th and CUT ABOVE THE REST was pulled up 2 out. ROSE MARCHONESS finished 25i 2nd to Crystal Cornet at Fortwell (2m 21, good to soft) with \$2.5AMPERED 14 4th, \$15TER-84-LAW 15f 5th (NDAN) CRUSEZ 7th.

Course specialists



lest season, running best race when 4f 2nd to High High here (2m, good). GARDA'S GCLD weakened to finish a distant \$6 of 12 to Doc's Coast at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, heavy) with CHANTELLY LACE tailed off when falling at the 8th. Well treated on lest season's winning form over course and distance when beating Music Wonder 5t (soft). Salection: GARDA'S GOLD FORM FOCUS RECORD FLIGHT was outpaced when at 2nd to Ruetic Comedy at Devon (2m 11, soft) with COIRE VANNICH trailed off in 6th and VERSATILE 18th. VA LUTE ran on to finish %1 2nd to Gancon here (2m, good) with COIRE VANNICH (same terms) 2 sweey in 3rd and STERLING SILVER (3tb better off) one paced 10%1 sweey in 5th. LUCKY FEN, had an unsuccessful spell over fences

FORM FOCUS THE WIDGET MAN put up best performance on debut at Folkestone (2m 100d, soft) seally besting Brown Pepper 12. FAVOSKI was a one-paced 2% 2nd to Kami King at Towcaster (2m, pood to firm) with GO NOBLEY nearly 20 acrifit in the control of the performance of the control of the contr

OIT.

IVYCHURCH ran best race when 15! 3rd to Major inquiry at Cheffenham (2m, good to firm) with THE WIDGET MAN (7th worse off) 8! away in 5th MALAMUTE SALCON led 3 out to the bast when 10! 2nd to Man For All Season at Chepstow (2m, heavy)

Playschool suffers setback
The racing future of Playschool looks bleak after he was pulled up at Warwick on Tuesday. Paul Nicholks, assistant trainer to David Barons at Kingsbridge, said yesterday that the horse is likely to miss the Gold Cap and the Grand National, and may be out for the rest of the season.

Selection: GARDA'S GOLD

Sore shins, the same as after his race of Haydock. It's very malikely that he'll ru at Cheltenham or Liverpool and he ma mot rus again this season."

Playschool had only one race ke season after breaking down on his off fore when narrowly beaten by Golden the season. the season. The 12-year-old, pulled up at Haydock

on his seasonal resppearance, again failed to complete the course in the George Coney Challenge Cup after weakening from a prominent position six from home.

Nicholls said: "He is suffering from

sore chins, the same as after his race at Haydock. It's very malikely that he'll run

Haydock. It's very malikely that he'll run at Cheltenham or Liverpool and he may not run again this season."

Playschool had only one race last season after breaking down on his off-fore when narrowly beaten by Golden Friend at Cheltenham.

In 1987-88, Playschool won the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, the Coral Welsh National and the Vincent O'Brien Gold Cup. He started favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup but ran a lifeless race. Pust-race done tesia proved.

SOUTHWELL

Selections By Mandarin

1.40 Super One. 2.10 Grey Rum. 2.40 Work On Air.

3.10 Masked Ball. 3.40 Just Great. 4.10 Qualitair Aviator.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.10 Masked Ball.

Going	stan	dard Draw: 6f-1m, low numbers best
1.40 OLD	CLIPS	TONE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O Qualifier: £2,448: 1m) (12 runners)
1 (10) 2 (6) 8 (9)	6330-	SUPER ONE 9 (F,C) (W Spinit) T Barron 8-13
4 (2) 5 (12) 6 (1)	8-14	GIVE IN 23 (CD,S) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 8-5 N Adams 88 ALLERYS JOY 120 (Mrs E Fisher) R Fisher 8-4 T Quien- PSYCHO SONNY 21 (BF,C) (Racing Telegraph) C Allen 8-4 R Morse 95
7 (8) 8 (7) 9 (11)	00-45	ROYAL BRINK 9 (3) (M Ryen) M Ryen 8-4. J Quinn (3) 98 CASTEL VISCADO 16 (3) (J Duniop) J Duniop 8-0. A Modione 90 KERRY BOY 21 (P Rizgerald) M Tompkins 8-0. T Wilsons 81
10 (3) 11 (5) 12 (4)	430300-	TELEGRAPH CALLGHIL 5 (CD) (Racing Telegraph) M British 7-12 S Meliowey (7) 97 HALA 104 (C W Elsey) C W Elsey 7-7 S Wood (S) 88 HANNANYS CHOICE 19 (R Cromie) P Blookley 7-7 F Norton (7) 73
Telegraph (NG: 3-1 R Caligiri, 14	loyal Brink, 7-2 Super One, 4-1 Kings Aldermen, 6-1 Give In, 8-1 Castel Viscado, 10-1 4-1 Psycho Sonny.

2.10 HALAM HANDICAP (£2,469: 7f) (10 runners)

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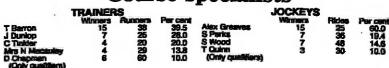
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Scotland put trust in same squad for match with France

Scottish selectors to decide on month. But the selectors are most organized jumpers. So an unchanged squad for their five nations' championship match against France at before their own supporters Murrayfield on February 17. and against opponents who Victory away from home is always a satisfactory begin-ning to the championship, even if the 13-10 win over Ireland could scarcely be described as comfortable.

The only doubt affecting Sean Lineen, the centre, who has a strained shoulder joint and bruising on one arm. Donald MacLeod, the Scottish Rugby Union doctor, has advised him not to play for Boroughmuir against Heriot's FP this weekend, but there is optimism that he will be fit to face the Freuch, whose team will not be known until

The Scots will be as aware as their best at Lansdowne Road; nor, it might be said, did England find their best form against the Irish until deep any dominance in the lineout into the final quarter of their against Ireland who have the

Andy Kennedy, the leading points-scorer for Saracens, will miss his club's fourth round

Pilkington Cup tie at Moseley on Saturday. Kennedy, who is twelfth in the national scoring chart with 170, has had a minor knee operation and his place on

It did not take too long for the game at Twickenham last capability to upset even the confident in the ability of their Gray and Cronin retain their team to raise their game before their own supporters notoriously find it difficult to win in Edinburgh; it is 12 and then only by three points.

> "We appreciate that the team wasn't firing on all 15 cylinders and the coaches will be working on the problem areas," Bob Munro, the con-venor of selectors, said. In the absence at the weekend of lan McGeechan, the national coach, who was unwell, Jim Telfer's was the leading coaching voice in selection, though McGeechan is now happily restored to fitness.

There were some reservations expressed about the Scottish locks at the weekend but again, drawing a line through England's perfor-mance, Ackford and Dooley took over an hour to establish

SCOTLAND (v France): A G Heatings London Scottish): A G Stanger (Hawick), B Heatings (Watsoniens), S R P Lineen Boroughouth. Bath trio Saracens must do to coach without Kennedy Romania

22 to the tally.

places, despite those who ad-

vocate a first cap for the

promising Shade Munro

(Glasgow High/Kelvinside).

Hastings's goal-kicking is alle-viated by the fact that Craig Chalmers offers such a de-

pendable option. Hastings has

the odd off-day with the boot but more than 250 points in 21

internationals is a good argu-

Moreover, the full back,

who gave way to Chalmers as kicker in the second half of

last Saturday's match, scored

18 points on his international

debut, against France, and 16

points two years later in the equivalent fixture. On his

most recent appearance

against the French, for the

four home unions XV in Paris

last October, he added another

The Romanian authorities have

statistically from Hudson, is further evidence of the Romanians' desire to enhance contacts with the West now that the

Romanian rugby is impoverished in the wake of years of neglect. But with an international against France to be

played at Auch on May 24, the

Romanians want to experience the professional preparation which has gone a long way towards making Bath the suc-cess club of the 1980s in Britain.

Robson says that he and his

colleagues regard the offer as a credit to the name and reputation of their club. "We would very much like to accept," he said. "But the problem is in

trying to find two weeks when we can be away from families and businesses to go to Roma-nia and work with their squad. However, the will to do so exists."

Bath have links with Roma-nian rugby: they met Steams

Ground in September. The re-

quest for the services of the

club's renowned coaches was

received verbally. Written confirmation is on the way.

his colleagues were starting to study videos on Romanian rugby in recent seasons. "But I would think we would also have to go to Romania before May

because we know very little about them," he said.

The final of the French club championship is being held in Paris two days after the match at Auch and the Romanians want

the Bath experts to see that game

Bath have received tentative

Football Union to stage a four-team event over five days in the West Country, with funds raised going to Romanian rugby. Bath

and the Romanian national team are involved. Either the

Soviet international squad will

There is disappointment that

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the RFU refused permission for the tournament to be staged over August Bank Holiday weekend, August 25 to 27.

fine

be the other overseas visitors, together with another British

team.

Conditions to +te Piste Off/P resort (5pm)

fair

on from the Rugby

Already, Robson said, he and

Ceausescu era is over.

ment to have on one's side.

so much of the season recover-ing from a throat injury.

Barley, who was also in Paris last weekend for the B inter-national, returns to lead Wakeasked Bath's coaches to prepare them for their international against France in May. The request to seek the assistance of the chief coach, Jack Rowell, his assistant, Dave Robson, and the field against Northampton from centre but the Yorkshire club prefer Burman at tight-head

the wing goes to McLagan.

The place-kicking will be done by Rudling, the stand-off half, in a XV otherwise unchanged from that which beat Nuncaton in the last round. Away from the cup, Wasps (beaten by Gloucester in the last round) play Waterloo at Sud-bury and give a first team debut to Buzza at full back. The Cambridge University student will welcome the chance of a senior game, since he has spent as much time at training week-Leonard (loose-head prop), Buckton (centre) and Clarke (No. 8) take their places after successful outings in France last ends or as a replacement as he

ends or as a replacement as he has playing these last six weeks. He will want to retain his ranking as deputy to Hodg-kinson, the England full back, in the hope of being chosen for the XV which plays Italy in May in a match for which caps will not be awarded. Wasps' four present internationals, Bailey, Andrew, Rendall and Probyn, are rested Engand statements.

Moseley field the side which beat Berry Hill, so Cox retains the hooking berth with the capable assistance of Linnett, England's replacement prop in Paris. In the other all first-division fixture, Nottingham, at home to Orrell, retain the side which beat Rosslyn Park which Rendall and Probyn, are rested but Bates and Clough play against Waterioo.

Gregory again aids Sheffield's cause

By Michael Austin

Coventry Poly Sheffield Poly

Inspiration at half back on a miserable afternoon made for the forward grind enabled She field to achieve a once-improb able win over Coventry and qualify for the semi-finals of the British Polytechnics Cup at Westwood Heath yesterday. Sheffield reached this stage

for the third consecutive time having lost in the final and semifinal in successive seasons to Wales, the champions for the past two years. Fittingly, Gregory, the outside

half, who scored all of Shef-field's points in the 20-12 defeat last year, made a significant contribution to a winning cause, along with Saverimutto, a scrum half who plays for New

Gregory landed a penalty soal with wind assistance from 45 yards to establish a three points advantage which scarcely seemed enough at half-time. Later, he obliterated Coventry's brief lead when scoring a push-over try, a rarity for a player

SCOTLAND

With considerable presence of mind. Gregory added his weight

to a scrum on the line and plunged on the ball to superimpose a bizarre twist on a day of mud, driving rain, swaying goalposts and touch-flags bent almost double in a half-gale.

Sheffield's match-winning secret was better use of the wind and a stubborn refusal to lose their ryhthm after replacing a forward and conceding a try. Saverimutto showed the abil-

ity to take Sheffield forward with low kicks into the wind. His forwards followed eagerly and Coventry made the fun-damental error in these ski-pan conditions of not keeping the ball close enough to their pack, especially as it included Fairn and Crang, who have played at first class level for the Coventry club at Coundon Road.

Hunter, the right wing, scored Coventry's try from a tapped

SCORERS: Coventry Polyrechnic: Try: Hunter. Sheffield Polytechnic: Try: Gregory. Penalty: Gregory.
COVENTRY POLYTECHNIC: G Stanton: J Hunter, S Waltden, E Rintoul, J Howland.
J Milliachty. S Catheroe; A Griffiths, C Crang, J Wingham, N Church, D Acford, E Dickinson, S Fairn, S Lusk.

SHEFFIELD POLYTECHNIC: M Leopard M Wildgoose, P Rouse, D Hall N Vanham

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Saracens look to feminine logic

By Michael Stevenson At a time when heated debate still has to precede the ad-mission of women into cricket's to featinist sympathizers to learn that one of the country's leading rugby clubs is being coached by

The club is Saracess, who play in the first division of the Course Clubs Championship, and whose coach, Tony Russ, has enlisted Ahna Thomas, who as a sports psychologist is already an important member of the Feedend M. Common caching.

physical education department at Bedford College of Further Education, looks after her lan-band, David, the former Llanelli and Loudon Welsh flanker, and their 18-year-old twiss, Gethin and Justine; she also finds time to attend conferences and pub-lish regularly on sports psychol-ogy, to rea for around 40 minutes every day and to coach

Brunel University...

Swansea University 53

Swansea University have had

their share of criticism this

season, mostly along the lines that their talented individuals have yet to get as a team. The ruthless display they gave in beating Brunet University by

three goals, eight tries and a penalty goal to a penalty goal, amid appalling conditions in the

amid appalling conditions in the Commercial Union UAU quar-

ter-final at Uxbridge yesterday, showed that some unity is

emerging.

Brunel, missing five firstchoice players, never looked like
testing last season's finalists, but

won impressed. The backs made

the running game they elected to

play look simple, in spite of facing a vicious wind whipping across the saturated, cloying

pitch. A sniping run brought Moore

a try from the first threequarter move of the game; Hayward, the

No. 8, supporting Jones's break on the blind, crashed over in the

corner for the first of his three

that her schedule had become overloaded and that something had to give. It will be surprising

if it is rugby.

Thomas's first contact with rugby coaching was when John Davies, having heard her deliver a paper on the psychology of children in competitive sport, invited her to join Michael Williams and himself in the

the impact she has made. "I have become a better coach since Alam joined the 16 Group set-up four years ago," he said. "She has made me aware that there is more to coaching than skills and tectmique. She inspires tremen-dous confidence and, for example, is brilliant with the goal-kickers."

Williams argues that if two teams are equally skilful and fit, the one that is better prepared psychologically will win. "This must be recognized in ragby as it

the deluge, bounced a penalty off the bar for Brunel's points,

before Adebayo danced through

the morass for one try, then an

electrifying burst through the middle set up Hayward.

With Swansea leading 27-3 at the break, the game then lost

impetus. Hayward scored his

third, converted by Powell, Moore dived over from close

range for his second, Miller added another and Howley,

replacing Adebayo who limpe

SCORERS: Brunel University: Penasty goet Collecture, Swammen University: Tries: Moore (3), Hayward (3), Powell (2), Langley, Adebayo, Miller: Conversionac Powell (2), Ball, Penasty goet: Powell, BRINEL UnivERSITY: M Ferclough; D Weller, J Calligham, G Collishaw, A McBane; A Greasley (rep: S Nethercole), C Adams; L Caddy, R Jordan, A Batter, T Langton, T Longman, M Bazeley, A Mewcombe, D Bridge.

SWANSEA UNIVERSITY: R Jones; Hockinson, J. Ball, P. Flood (rep: G. Frast), Adebayo (rep: R. Howley); J. Powel, Moore; D. Francis, R. Tandy, K. Miller,

at Exeter University vesterday

Referee: D Morgan (London).

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SCORERS: Brunel Unive

Swansea impress

The contact with Saracens came after Russ had discussed the situation with his players and committee: "If I was to drive the squad forward that extra two or three per cent, I needed help with the mental side," be said. As soon as Thomas's involve-ment with the club had been agreed, she introduced a modi-fied version of the system used for the England 16 Green

for the England 16 Group. "I have a psychological profile of every player in the first and second squads related to the game in general and his position game in general and his position in particular," she said. "A player's mental strengths and weaknesses are accumined and an individual psychological programme to help him is devised." A player's typical reaction to analysis will often be: "I know about that but I don't know what to do shout to "I is in Thursse's to do about it." It is Thomas's job to tell him. If his concentration is weak or variable she must work to improve it; she must be sure that the player really understands what motivation is.

gustantee poor performance.
Saracens' improvement this season has been spectacular, and much credit is due to Russ and his coaching team. Before they met the mighty Gloucester away, Russ asked Thomas if anything could be done to prepare for the challenge of a denution fivewar She avanced.

away. She enjoys her work, but admits that occasionally in training sessions in gales and rain, she will ask herself: "What

on earth am I doing here?"

She knows the answers. She is helping sportsmen; she is doing something that gives her real satisfaction and in the process she is helping to push back the frontiers of charvinism.

Manchester's fury Swansea impress | Vlanchester's tury | reduced tension over the defection of a Bulgarian weightlifter to Turkey in 1988. His statesmaship is widely admired, and the Bulgarians will lose friends, and advantages, by Mark Herbert | the deluge, bounced a penalty | By Michael Stevenson | the blind side of a ruck to score a | their harassment of such a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penalty | the deluge of a ruck to score a penal

Manchester University 22 Leicester University... ... 3

Leicester University arrived so late for their meeting with Manchester University at The Firs. Fallowfield that the game kicked off almost an hour inte in gathering gloom. Manchester University seemed so incensed by this occurrence that they played most of the first half at a furious pace.
Thereafter they reverted to

off after aggravating an ankle strain, created Moore's third. Powell neatly sidestepped his being perfect gentlemen as they ran out of ire and desperately Swansea face Bristol University at Newbridge in the semi-final next Wednesday. Manchester were good value

for their victory by a goal and five tries to a penalty and they were dependent for their best moves in the difficult con-ditions on their talented standoff half. Wood.

Manchester's first points were created by Adair, the hooker and their outstanding forward. Wood hoisted high, Matthews was caught in possession and when the ball squirted out of the ruck, Adair picked up, beat one man, humned off another and threw a high pass to his left wing. Riley, who scored. Immediately Manchester's pressure paid off again. Cornelius drove almost to the line

and Swinson stole away from

converted. Leicester were a little unlucky with their only score, as it seemed likely that Matthews would have gone over from a dropped pass; but obstruction was decreed and Hamilton kicked the goal to make it 14-3 at the interval. Little happened in the early

stages of the second half. Aber's brilliant tackling in the centre for the losers snuffed out any hope of threequarter play and Wood's leg injury following a half-break threw Manchester into some disarray.

They went further ahead when consistent pressure was rewarded with a tapped penalty from which Llowarch scored and in the closing seconds of the match Cornelius crowned a busy and fruitful performance with Manchester's final try.

WILL MAINCHESTET'S Final try.

SCORERS: Manchester's Final try.

SCORERS: Manchester University: Tries:
Ritey, Swinson, Harbgan, Llowarch, Cornelus. Convension: Murray, Letcaster
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MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY: D Haysom
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Riley; G Wood (rep: M Brown), B Swinson;
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Fraser, T Midton, I Comelus, D Saurgess,
LEICESTER UNIVERSITY: A Retrement. Fraser, T Maton, I Comenus, D Sturgess LEICESTER UNIVERSITY: A Richmond: Williams, M Duggan, M Aber, D Church, I Hamston, S Tumer; B Reynolds, K Hayes T Parkes (rep.: C Hoam), J Applety, I Monk, B Lord, N Matthews, A Craig. Referee: M Hamkn (Manchester and Distract)

divorce Slavkov. Lilov has re-emerged as a without success, to find Slavkov guilty of financial impropriety with either the IOC or the Association of National Olymspecially designed session, and Saraceus drew a match that most people had expected them ecord is irreproachable.

illegal possession of firearms: two museum-piece antique Winchester rifles from the American Civil War, and a

Bulgaria's

IOC man

is deprived

of liberty

Ivan Slavkov, the Bulgarian

The action against him is part of reprisals being taken by the

Bulgarian regime against the family and associates of Todor

head of state. Slavkov, president of the Bulgarian Olympic com-

mittee since 1982, and minister of culture from 1976 to 1981, was married to Zhivkov's daughter, Ljudmila.

Yet throughout his pro-

ears as an innovative director-

general of Bulgarian television, Slavkov was constantly in open

conflict with the policies and actions of his father-in-law. He

actions of his island the last of the is regarded throughout Eastern Europe, and throughout the Olympic movement, as one of the foremost liberal thinkers in

sport in the communist world.

sport in the communist world. His contribution to Bulgarian international sport, and to Sofia's unsuccessful bid for the Winter Olympics of 1992 and 1994, has been unceasing and unselfish. There is no more honest man in the Balkans.

A member of the IOC admin-istrative staff, in a position to

observe members at close quar-ters, said yesterday: "I never saw

position to advantage. To the contrary, he worked so hard for sport, and it is farcical that he

ional career, including his 10

member of the Interna Olympic Committee (IOC), who was a leader of the campaign to ensure that Eastern European nations attended the Olympic Games in Seoul, is under house arrest in Sofia.

damaged war-trophy, a US auto-matic presented to him in tempted to trick Slavkov's son university in Fribourg, north of Lausanne, into returning home. A prominent Swiss lawyer, Pierre Sciclounoff, has inter-

vened, with a diplomatic protest delivered to the Bulgarians. Boris Stankovic, the Yugoslav IOC member, visited him at home last Sunday.

Yorkshire facing new threat

By Martin Searby

Yorkshire, the county which has a habit of shooting itself in the foot, appears to have done it again. At least one member is so wounded that he is posing a threat to the annual general meeting to be held in Sheffield

Giles Firbank, who lives in Hampshire, has put down a motion proposing the 23-man committee is reduced to 16. But Yorkshire have written to the members advising them to vote against the plan and also to oppose two other resolutions, a move which appears to contra-vene an undertaking given two years ago by the then president, Viscount Mountgarret.

"His intention was to give members parity of opportunity in these matters and that has been denied me," Firbank said. "The advice I have received is that I could legally demand an

the vote goes against me."

"However, I am willing to settle for Yorkshire distributing a leaflet setting out my case, even though I know I shall have missed the opportunity to influence those who have already voted." The club accepted that official letters denied members an equal hearing.

England show an all-round improvement

Perth - England, whose poor batting performance on the first day of the final youth international match against Austra-lia had left them with much to do, staged a sturdy recovery yesterday (a Special Corres-

Australia, who had resumed their first innings at 233 for five, were bowled out for 345. Hallett was England's best bowler with five for 73 five for 73 after Grayson, the left-arm spinner, had made the initial breakthrough.

England, having lost Grayson early on, recovered with a 76-run stand for the second wicket by Holloway and Crawley. Crawley was caught with the score at 80, and although Holloway, who had batted dog-edly for his 44, was out with the score on 100, Keech and Hallett saw Fredenick saw England through.

SCORES: England Young Cricketers 71 S G Cottrell 6 for 40) and 123 for 3-th GL Holloway 44. J P Crewley 43: Austrilla Young Cricketers 34: C Young 68 B R Rudder 68, L D Harper SJ, W J Adam 46 not out; J C Hallett 5 for 73).

tries: a simple loop move took Powell over, Langley broke the backs' monopoly by scoring play their delayed quarter-final Collishaw, in the middle of because of the weather,

RACKETS

pair recover to go through

By Sally Jones Charles Hue Williams and his

through in seven games after ar enthralling struggle against Si-mon Davies and Rupert Owen-Browne in the second round of the Lacoste amateur doubles championships at the Queen's Club. Owen-Browne, one of the

hardest hitters in the game, started with a superb display of controlled power that gave Mark Hue Williams no time to adjust to the pace, but the clever and consistent Charles Hue Williams fought valiantly to level the match at one all. The pair had no answer to a renewed blitz from the opposition that gave them a 3-1 lead. It was only when Owen-Browne began to tire that Mark Hue Williams gained confidence, found his length on his serve and started powering winners

The third seeds roomed through the next two games with 14-2 in the decider but only won it after their opponents made a The winners should meet the

away on his forehand rather

than hitting the board.

Victor Cazalet, in the semi-final, RESULTS: Second round: C J and C M Hun Williams by S Davies and R Owen. Hus Williams bt S Dawies and R Oven-Browne, 9-15, 15-6, 2-15, 2-15, 25-4, 15-2, 15-10; B Half and W Donger w/o M Mockridge and A Robinson, acr. Crisanto España will box on the undercard of Mike McCallum's next defence of his World Boxing Association middle-weight title against Michael Watson on April 14 at the Albert Hall, London. Espada is not a name that the

vast majority of London boxing enthusiasts will be familiar with. But he has created quite a stir in Belfast, where he has been living for the past 18 months. Since the halcyon years of Barry McGuigan and those unforgettable nights at the King's Hall, boxing has once again drifted into the shadows in

Northern Ireland. Dave McAuley, the IBF

The British Boxing Board of Control is to protest to the

Srikumar Sen writes). Williams lost his European heavyweight title at Saint-Dizier last Saturday but the board maintains that the use of "new skin" to seal a cut was a breach of EBU rules, "That is against all boxing laws and it will certainly be one part of our report to the EBU. John Morris, the secretary of the second quite forgettable meeting with the same opponent rocked to boxing. He is unbeaten and only it back on its heels again.

McGuigan has been a hard act distance. He is the best pound of th

to follow. While Paul Hodkinson the British and the European featherweight champion, and several young British title aspirants, along with Es-pana, are trying to keep the game ticking over the financial game ticking over the financial post five years, burden of staging meaningful promotions at the Ulster Hall boxed some 18 months ago, was are making even Barney even then in the throes of unrest Eastwood, a millionaire promoter, wonder if it is all worthwhile.

Brian Eastwood, the promoter's eldest son, believes that in and I think he can go all the España, the stable has the most way." flywieght champion, stirred it slightly with one memorable of the Atlantic. "Look at his howorld title bout against Fidel record." Brain Eastwood says, a Bassa at the King's Hall. But a "He has had 16 fights which

New-skin rule breach

European Boxing Council about the supervision of Derek Wilrice Chanet, of France

certainly be launching a protest to the EBU over Chanet using skin", Morris said. The EBU denied that it had broken its rules by not sending a supervisor to the bont. An EBU

España was brought to Belfas via Venezuela and Panama by Bernardo Checa, a Panamaniar who has been coaching in the Eastwood gymnasium for the

for pound boxer in our stable."

and offered little for a young and ambitious boxer." Checa said. "He jumped at the chance of furthering his career in Belfast Checa has the boxing know-

how one must respect; he boxed a draw six years ago with Antonio Esparragoza, the WBA featherweight champion, and was the Central America superbantamweight champion. España, 25 years of age, is one of 16 children; an elder brother, Emesto, was the WBA light-

weight champion in 1978. He is a rangey, all-action fighter who throws a variety of punches from a variety of angles. At six feet he is tall for a welterweight and he has a 74-inch reach.

and like España has never taken

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Good sunny sking on all north facing slopes. Some
south facing and lower runs icy and worn.
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Col. Most pistes have rocky areas.
Tignes 25 125 fair varied fair fine
Good skiing for all levels on Grande Motte glacier.
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of Solaise and Belleverde.
Val Thorens 35 100 fair heavy fair fine
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Rosael lift connecting Maurienne valley now open. SNOW REPORTS ITALY All pistes still providing good skiing. Few worn areas. SWITZERLAND ns Montana 5 75 good varied closed Good skring still to be found around Bella Lur and Good skiing still to be found around Bella Lui and Plaine Morte, but some slopes becoming quite rocky. taad 5 115 tair heavy closed fine Reasonable skiing on upper slopes. Lower slopes worn. Sters 3 25 fine Most slopes hard and ky in morning. Still some good Skiing on upper slopes. Zell am Sea Most stopes hard and ky in morning. Set some good skiling on upper slopes.

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Runs open on Gomergrat. Large queues. 0 5 fair varied closed tine Classic squash tournament in Cardiff from February 21 to 25. Both meet qualifiers in the opening round of the world grand prix event in which 32 leading players are competing. In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

Third seeded España best of Belfast stable By George Ace

not be able to do anything about a rematch that Williams's manager, Mike Barrett, was wanting, until it had cleared up the bizarre claims by Williams of hallocination during the bout. "I can't say what action we'll be taking as we haven't had the test results yet. But we shall

visors were provided only for mandatory defences.

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On the February 17 he meets Delfino Marin, a Mexican based Florida, over 10 rounds at 10st 7lb in the Ulster Hall. Belfast, Delfino, who last August lost on points to Lloyd Honeyghan in Tampa, Florida, has the reputation for durability

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FOOTBALL

Hillsborough may be consigned to the dim distant past

Sheffield Wednesday and Obviously the council are Sheffield United are discuss-keen to jump into bed with ing the possibility of sharing an all-seat, multi-sports stadium, built for the World Student Games, after the event ends in the city in 1991. If the plan comes to fruition it would represent a big break with tradition, possibly heralding the start of a new era in the wake of Lord Justice Taylor's final report on the Hillsborough disaster.

"We have been talking about sharing the new sta-dium with United," Graham Mackrell, the Wednesday club secretary, said yesterday. "But while the prospect is certainly not out of the question, we

keen to jump into bed with football clubs, because that will help fund the stadium. But at the moment it is designed chiefly for athletics, and we would want it to be primarily for football. We do not want to talk about this too much at this stage because it is a sensitive issue, and breaches of confidentiality could put

things back."
David Capper, the United secretary, confirmed: "The issue of sharing is under discussion at director level by Michael Wragg and one of his colleagues, who have been talking to their equivalents at not out of the question, we have still got a long way to go.

Wednesday, along with people from the council." Wragg was

Trying to please all of the people

In Glasgow, Partick Thistie and Clyde have shared Firhill Park since 1986, when Clyde were forced to leave Shawfield (Roddy Forsyth writes).

Clyde's financial problems forced them to sell Shawfield to the Greyhound Racing Association in 1971. The GRA ran the ground at a loss for several years and decided to sell in 1984, but although Clyde were given an option to buy at £750,000 they could not raise the cash.

An £11 million scheme to were skeep from Jack McGinn, the Celtic chairman, who was asked how he would

An E11 million scheme to develop Firhill as an all-sentstadium was recently announced, but it remains unpopular with a section of the Clyde support who would prefer to play nearer to their old haunt in the care to be site. McGina replied: "I cannot see to play nearer to their old haunt in the care to be site. McGina replied: "I cannot see to play nearer to their old haunt in the care to be site."

Wallace twins to stay at The Dell

request yesterday from the Wal-lace twins, Rodney and Ray. The request was contained in a letter to the club from Bob Higgins, the players' agent and

It could hardly have come at a

fore inopportune time for the lub, which is enjoying its most successful season in many years.
Judging by the terse comment of
Chris Nicholl, the manager, the
club is unlikely to look favourably upon the request.

"They have got 18 months of their contracts to run and that is ed War en Aspinall, their record £315,000 signing from Astea Vills, following an incident on a train last Friday evening. Aspinall was arrested for allegedily rowdy behaviour towards a woman passenger and a British Transport Underground police

naisport officers officer.

Aspinall was cautioned after a night in the cells at Basingstoke but not charged. Frank Burrows,

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said: "Aspinall has been disci-plined within the club's code of

Revers manager, and Paul Nixon, one of his players, were interviewed by West Drayton police on Tuesday night after Nixon alleged that he had been assaulted by Francis while the team ware on their way home.

 Paul Stewart and Vinny Samways, both out of favour recently at Tottenham Hotspur, recently at Tetienham Hots, will fight to regain their pla according to Terry Venables. want is back in the Chelses on Saturday. Gordon Durie, if he is fit, and Steve Clarke can join the Scot-land squad next week in Italy following the deferment of Chel-sea's Zenith Cup southern final.

 Steke City have agreed to pay about £175,000 for Noel Blake, the Leeds United defender. down a request from Hibernian to take Brian Rice on a month's

fairs at Sheffield City Council, said: "Sharing is still at an embryonic stage, but it is being discussed. But while we are still only exploring the possibilites, I think it is a "United are having a lot of complicated problems with

planning permission regarding any development of Bramal Lane in accordance with Lord Justice Taylor's recommendaanswer for them. Both clubs must be interested in a 40 000 potential to raise the capacity to 55,000, which will be ready

once the Games finish."

Webster added that Shef field East rugby league club have also expressed a keen which is located on the east of

While the Sheffield clubs are cov about co-habitation man of Crystal Palace, is open to offers from any club, or new stadium in south London, or a redeveloped Selhurst Park. "I am looking for a permanent partnership. spoken to Charlton Athletic, presently tenants at Selhurst and Wimbledon, believes that joint ownership is the only way to finance a leading stadium, on a par with Eu

Council to consider purchase

By Dennis Signy The decision of Hammersmith and Fulham Council to pursue a compulsory purchase order on Craven Cottage, Fulham's home for 94 years, means that the club could receive £6 million from the owner, Cabra Estates, and still continue to play there.

Cabra, which wants to develop the six-acre site alongside the River Thames for housing, her wid Eulkan £2 million. has paid Fulham £2 million in the first stage of an agreement for the football club to move out in the next three years. It will pay another £4 million when Fulham move; and up to another £7 million depending

The unusual situation is that Fulham could collect £6 million by moving out, but then returning, if the council is successful in obtaining a compulsory order. Unlike Cabra, the council wants Fulham to play on.

Jimmy Hill, the Fulham chairman, said yesterday: "In making that deal the five directors involved had to sign an

tors involved had to sign an undertaking not to support the any way or to comment."

and some unlooked for (and undestreed) notoriety as the first player to be sent off in a Wembley final, and two years in Spain with Sporting Gijou, he is looking forward to his first World Cup and embarking on his first experience of English second division football with evident relish, knocks and hruises and alect and cold matwithstanding. bruises reish, anothe and bruises and aleet and cold notwithstanding.

"You need objectives ahead of you," Moran said, "said for the moment I'm looking forward to playing in the World Cup for Ireland, and helping Blackbarn win promotion. Age shouldn't came into football. If you are good enough, you are old—or young—enough.

"You've got to enjoy the training, because that's what you do five days a week, but I still eajoy it, and as long as I do that I shall carry on. After the World Cup I might have a chat with Jack and if he has some young players he wants to bring in theat fize, because that would be a good place to end an international career, but if he wants me I shouldn't turn him down. And I shall carry on with Blackburn."

Magee suspended for rest of season

FOR THE RECORD

reland player of the year who scored 30 goals, has been suspended until the end of the season. He has been found guilty of head-butting by the Irish Football Association's guirty of nead-butting by the list in the butting for the second described by the player but in the list inglist which accepted statements from the referee and linesman follow-

ATHLETICS

Portadown, the Irish League leaders, received a severe blow to their title aspirations with the suspension of Marty Magee, their leading goalscorer.

Magee, last season's Northern Ireland player of the year who scored 30 goals, has been suspended until the end of the season. He has been found.

Magee, who has accred 19 butting a linesman after he had been sent off. The player denied the allegations but David Bowen, the IFA secretary, said:

"It was a difficult situation for the committee. Careful consider."

The IFA is to stage a six-a-side competition at Dumdonald ice-rink on March 12 along the lines of the Scottish tournament held in Glasgow each year. The 14 Irish League clubs plus Ballyclare Comrades and Omagh Town will be invited to participate.

The Budweiser Commarter. the committee. Careful consideration was given to the events

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RUGBY UNION

TENNIS

By George Ace

 The Budweiser Cup quarter-final tie between Glenavon and Ballymena United scheduled for last night was given the all-clear after a pitch inspection

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Pochdele O, York 1; Torquay 3, Southend O.

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PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Bradford City 1, Oldham 0; Coventry 0, Shedfield United 3; Liverpool 4, Leads 1; Manchester United 3, Leicester 0, Second division: Grimsby 2; Preston 0; Rotherinam 1, Barnsley 2; Shedfield Wednestern 2, Second 1, Barnsley 2;

Preston 0: Rotherham 1, Bernsley 2; Sheffield Wednesdey 3, Scurstoope 1. BEAZEP HOMES LEAGUE Presier division: Beth 6, Dorchester 0; Bromegrove 2, Westnoorille 4. Middled division: Grantham 1, Bedworth 1. Westpate Issuesser Cape Poerte rotent, first leg: Asthord 2, Bessiey 0. ALLERIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fich round: Cardill' 2, Aberysteryin 0; Wrescham 1, Rhyl 1. BUDWEISER CUP: Sadded steach Poetpoesde Colorains v Newry, BOB LORD TROPHY: Second round: Poetpoesde Colorains v Newry, BOB LORD TROPHY: Second round: Poetpoesde Colorains v Newry, BOB LORD TROPHY: Second round: VALIDRALL LEAGUE; First division: Walton and Hersham 3, Purilect 0, Poetpoesd: Hitchin v Leures. Second division

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ENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Entick

A chill wind blew off the West Pennine moors, remaints of snow lay on Blackbarn Rovers'

training ground at Pleasington, from time to time flurries of sleet fell, and two days after his first

game in English football for over 18 months Kevin Moran felt every cut and bruise.

"I've come out with more knocks and bruises from this

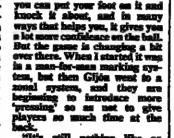
game, I just haven't had that sort of physical game for two years," he reflected, and smiled with pleasure. Moran smiles a lot. At

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ST MORETZ: World Cape Hormal bill: 1, F Jaz (Cz), 218.8cts; 2, H Kushi (Austria), 218.1; 3, E Vescori (Austria), 217.9.



Moran relishes the knocks

and cold of English game

So he went for it with the wholehearted enthusiasm which has characterized his football ever aface, establishing himself as United's contre half, and winning a regalar place in the Irish team. And when Alex Ferguson decided that at 32 Moran's necfulness was at an end, a decision the United manager subsequently admitted was a mistake, he went to Spain, arguing that going to another English club after Old Trafford would be a downward step.

If anything his experiences in Spain have left him with even more affection for English football than previously, and he is

more attection for kagnesh toet-ball than previously, and he is quick to defend it. "I enjoyed my experience in Spanish football a lot," Moran said. "Yes have a lot more time on the ball at the back than you have over here. "You have a bit of time on it

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argued by critics of the English game that it caused bring success at the highest level, even though Liverpool were also supremely successful in international club football by playing that way. Moran is also convinced that the English game is the right way to play.

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"When we were playing to European games were something we really looked forward to because of the different styles, you really enjoyed it, and not having that variety is something players really miss now from England's exclusion from Europe," he said. "But I don't agree that you can't be successful playing the English way. It's at home here that our game is knocked, but in Spain players and spectators love it."

All this experience will come in secful in Italy, where Moran is again looking forward to seeing and playing against different styles. But with Jack Charlton in charge of the Ireland team, there will be more chance of him getting on the ball and playing at the back with

SNOOKER

Hairs and graces send Johnson into last eight

Joe Johnson reached only his second tournament quarter-final of the season in a tournament of quality by virtue of a 5-4 victory over Mike Hallett, the world No. 6, at the Benson and Hedges Masters last night.

There was a time when Bjorn Borg used to grow a beard for luck at Wimbledon and Johnson, of Bradford, the former world snookerchampion, has followed suit at Wembley.

The growth meets with wifely approval but not that of his manager, Ian Doyle. "Ian says it ing very well today and he too," he said. "Apart from that though I was very lucky. I was lucky because Mike wasn't play-ing very well today and he would normally have pumished me heavily for the chances I was leaving him."

Hallett won the first im-portant title of the season in Hong Kong "but the rest of it approval but not that of his manager, Ian Doyle. "Ian says it makes me look like Gengis Khan — I just hope I take as many scalps as he did," Johnson said, which was something of a continental drift.

"It brought me luck today though," he added but that was hardly the case in the seventh frame when first Johnson potted the black but cannoned a red

Hong Kong "but the rest of it has been rubbish", he said. "Now I'm just hoping to salvage something from the rest of the season."

RESULTS: First round: J Johnson (Eng) bt M Hislatt (Eng), 5-4. Teneday: S Hendry (Scot) bt S James (Eng), 5-2. Today's coder of play: Casariar-Busia (bast of nine trames): 2pss: S Hendry v W Thome. 7pss: A Knowles (Eng) v J White (Eng).

IOC considers S Africa

the black but cannoned a red

into a middle pocket. Then he

sank the blue but also the green and then, after fluking a red, followed it home with the cue

Lausanne (AP) — The International Olympic Continitiee (IOC) is planning to readmit South Africa once apartheid is dismantled.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC — The International Olympic Continities and West Germany to request that a unified team represent the nations in the 1992 Games in Barcelona, but that the IOC — The International Olympic Continities and West Germany to request that a unified team represent the nations in the 1992 Games in Barcelona, but that the IOC — The International Olympic Continities and West Germany to request the property of the IOC — The International Olympic Continities and West Germany to request the IOC — The International Olympic Continities and West Germany to request the IOC — The International Olympic Continities and West Germany to request the IOC — The International Olympic Continities and West Germany to request the IOC — The International Olympic Continities and West Germany to request the IOC — The International Olympic Continities and West Germany to request the IOC — Juan Antonio Samaranch, use IOC president, said the committee, which expelled South Africa in 1970, would first have to see that "South Africa is a probably would discuss the latest positive drug tests involving weightlifters at the

YACHTING

New Zealand pair cut back on Merit

By Barry Pickthall

The Forties began to roar yes-terday for the Whitbread Round the World Race fleet as the leading yachts started to stride ahead after the first three days

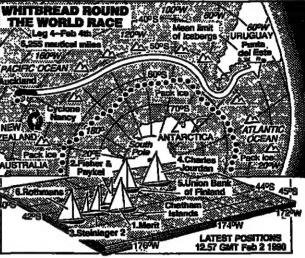
The lead of Merit, Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss maxi, was cut to two miles as the two New Zealand ketches, Fisher & Paykel and Steinlager 2, began to make inroads. Grant Dalton's Fisher & Paykel, now down to 43 South, clocked the factor average great hetusers. down to 43 South, clocked the fastest average speed between satellite sweeps yesterday, setting a pace of 12.6 knots, 0.6 of a knot faster than Merit and almost a knot faster than Steinlager. Rothmans, the leading British maxi which is south of the leaders appeared to have of the leaders, appeared to have missed out on the strengthening winds after averaging only 9.3 knots to fall a disappointing 30 miles behind the leaders.

In a radio conversation with race leader reported ideal con-ditions for the ketches. He said south-westerly breeze, which obviously increased later in the day. "It's a bit boring really," he reported, before adding the rider

o lift spirits on The Card, Roger vilson's Swedish ketch, now ailing as a skoop after losing her Leading positions

of this fourth stage, have now the fleet, just 11 miles ahead of Patrick Tabariy's leading di-vision three yacht L'Esprit de Liberté.

The French yacht now holds a ine-mile lead over Bruno Dufrom a poor first two days when together with Britain's Maiden (now third), they appear to have stayed too close to the New



Lamazou's America's lead is battle increasing

miles of single-handed sailing since leaving the tiny French resort of Les Sables d'Olonne, Timosn Lamazou, leader of the Globe Challenge non-stop round the world race, is within a few hundred miles of Cape Horn. He is expected to round the Cape and sail back into the Atlantic tomorrow.

Lamazon's progress has been remarkable, shattering existing records for extended passages under sail in any type of vessel. He has averaged just over 200 miles a day since leaving France, and has led the race consistently since crossing the Equator in December. In the past six days, Lamazou has covered 1,496 miles, an average

of 250 miles a day.
Following the routes radioed to him by the French weather agency Meteomer, Lamazou plans to pass south of Diego Ramírez Island, 60 miles from the Meteomer of Diego Ramírez Island, 60 miles from the Horn. Cape Horn is itself an island, one of many which make up the southern tip of the South American Continent.
Unlike the Whitbread Round

the World Race, where use of such services is banned, outside weather routing is permitted in the Globe Challenge, and is used by most competitors.

The threat to Lamzou's lead

posed by Jean-Luc Van Den Heede, in 36.15 Met, who had closed to within 230 miles of the leader, has lifted. His gain was leader, has lifted. His gain was made by using different navigational tactics rather than speed and now that the leaders are following similar tracks to the Horn, both he and the third-placed Loick Peyron, in Lada Poch, have again slipped back. Almost 2,000 miles behind these leaders. Patrice Carpentier these leaders, Patrice Carpentier in Nouvel Observateur appears to have recovered from the 360' roll which almost wrecked the interior of his boat. Because of the severe weather Observateur's mainsail was already furled, thus saving the mast, when the boat was engulfed. Carpentier, already having to cope with the loss of his electronic salf-teatring has now electronic self-steering, has now headed north from his deep southerly route in search of quieter conditions which will allow the boat to sail with the helm lashed while he sorts out the mess.

Other competitors to have incurred damage include Alain Gautier, in Generali Concorde, who lost his Argos satellite position beacon, torn off the deck in a knockdown, and was the concord of the deck in a knockdown, and was the concord bones unpreported. for several hours unreported until he replaced the essential safety device with a back-up. Both Lada Poch's solar panels, mounted on deck and used for charging the boat's batteries, have been washed away by heavy seas.

Cup final

By Barry Pickthall

Cup resumes today in the New York Court of Appeals with Mercury Bay Boating Club of New Zealand that their 1987 challenge in a 133ft monohull should have been met by a "like and similar yacht". The Court of Appeals is the

last hurdle in a three-year legal battle waged by Michael Fay, the Auckland banker, to challenge for the cup under the strict terms of the century-old Deed of terms of the century-old Deed of Gift controlling the event, then to demand a fair, sportsmanlike match in yachts of similar size.

Instead, the Californian club ranged a much faster, lighter catamaran which, under the command of Dennis Conner, ran rings round Fay's monohull. The latest affidavit, presented by three past presidents of the US Yacht Racing Union and four rules experts, including

four rules experts, including Mary Pera, of Britain, counters the similar approach to the court taken by an equally impressive list of 20 past cup skippers, syndicate heads and clubs who support Mercury Bay's claim for fair play.

The seven claim that the courts have traditionally left the administration of sport to competent governing bodies, but in this case the trial court strayed from the law into a field it had no experise whatsoever, namely the rating and eligibility of racing yachts.

"When the smoke cleared,"

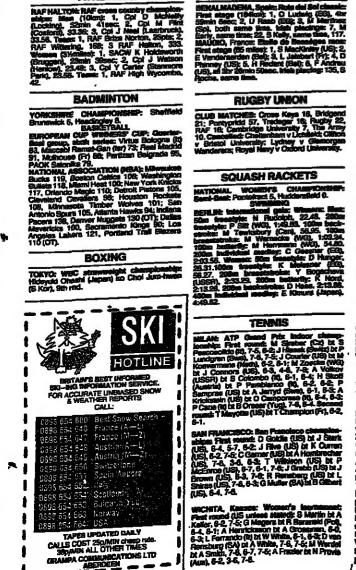
"When the smoke cleared," their petition said "the trial court had declared a forfeiture of yachting's most prestigious trophy and awarded it to the loser of the yacht race on the grounds that the winning yacht Stars & Stripes failed to meet a non-existent yacht eligibility rule that was created after the race by the trial court." race by the trial court."

The petition argnes: "It is obviously impossible to design, build or measure a racing yacht using 'somewhat similar' as the applicable standard. Designers, builders, measurers and judges must have measurable param-eters against which a yacht can be objectively compared.

Sportsmanship, defined as the
conduct of one who abides by
the rules of a contest will be served by an objective and fair standard set before the race. A vague rule incapable of determination until after the race, if at all, and then only by a court as opposed to the governing body will be a blow, not a boon, to sportsmanship." sportsmanship."
The seven appeal judges are

expected to give a final ruling on the case in March, allowing the next cup series to take place either in San Diego or Auckland





Robson doubtful for England's Italian campaign

England's preparations for the West Brownich Albion summer were severely disrupted yesterday when Bryan for 11 weeks). Robson, the captain, underwent a groin operation. Robson, aged 33, had surgery at a London clinic 24 hours after Manche an examination by a leading specialist revealed that an injury, which had initially been diagnosed as a simple groin strain, was more serious, However, fears that Robson might need a hernia operation

Although Manchester United, of whom Robson is Robson should be in a pos- said. ition to resume playing "within six to eight weeks" a more realistic date for his comeback is thought to be early May, since he will have keep in touch with been out of football for over Manchester united and be four months. That will be only leave for Italy.

Robson has already been ruled out of England's next warm-up game, against Brazil at Wembley on March 28, and it is now clear that he will be missing as his club attempts to achieve the dual target of FA Cup success and first division

a heavy reliance on his namesake in recent years, said that mindful of the events which he was "hopeful" that his occurred at the Mexico finals captain would be available for in 1986. the game against Czecho-slovakia at Wembley on April 25 while openly admitting his sense of immense disappoint-

1983: February: badly tom ankle Egaments (12 weeks).

Bryan Robson is one of England's key players but it is important to remember that competition. also captain, have somewhat this is as much a setback for optimistically indicated to the his club. Manchester united. Football Association that as it is for his country," he

"Obviously, he will have to

before he can be considered at squad. International level. I shall four months. That will be only three weeks before the England squad is scheduled to leave for Italy.

guided by any medical bulletins which they may issue.

Bryan will miss the game against Brazil next month which will disappoint him greatly as that particular fixture is one of the highlights of any professional footballer's

The England manager's re-spect for Robson's powers of leadership is such that he will almost certainly include him Bobby Robson, the England in his final 22 man squad for manager who has placed such the World Cup finals, fully fit or not. However, he will be occurred at the Mexico finals

In March of that year, Robson dislocated a shoulder, an injury which kept him on the sidelines for seven weeks. Although he played in Enrday's news.

"It goes without saying that ing game spainst Morocco, he

Gullit doubt remains

Netherlands is similar to that his surgeon, said that he would Gullit has been out of action optimistic than a few months

se Gullit again on March 7. "A healing process is always variable. It cannot be entirely excluded that he will recover. We are a bit more

Insurance is no consolation

Manchester United his wages

r united will b unable to recoup any financial recompense for Bryan Robpremiums involved in insuring him for missing matches would be sky high, it would be impossible," Ken Merrett, the club secretary, said yesterday. Merrett confirmed that

United do have the consolation that Robson's frequent and extensive medical bills are met by private health in-surance. He is covered by BUPA, and that meets the

ment," Merrett said. between £600,000 and £1 million in case his playing career was permanently ended while On the occasions when Robson is injured on international duty, either playing or training, United fare better. fulfilling commitments with England. The player is insured for the same sum by United as "As with every player, if the a precaution against his career being curtailed while on duty for them. injury can definitely be attributed to England duty, the Football Association pay

during the period he is un-available for selection," David All professional footballers are covered by the League's personal accident insurance scheme, which insures in-Bloomfield, the FA's press Bloomfield said that Robdividuals for around £30,000.

I had been told the Auckland

start would take some beating.

but none of as were quite prepared for the incredible

received last Sunday.

end-off the Whithread fleet

Estimates vary from 6,000

to 10,000 spectator boats out in the harbour, and if the

winds had been any less, we might still be there fighting through the chop thrown up by

all manner of craft ranging

from water scooters to ferries.

From our vantage, a wall of

boats seemed to surround the

fleet and those who chose to

ran the gauntlet through them,

instead of short-tacking up the

cleared channel were asking

for trouble. It is amazing that The Card, which lost its

mizzen within minutes of the

The weather mark, which

was changed from a ship to a

gun firing, was the only

aggravated the injury and took no further part in the

Robson's enforced absence will give his potential underpress their claims for inclusion regain full fitness at club level in England's World Cup

It will give players like Steve McMahon of Liverpool and Steve Hodge of Nottingham Forest the chance to conceded Bobby

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, said that he was "shattered" by the extent of Robson's latest injury. "Thankfully it turned out not to be a hernia but if we had not had the operation done quickly it

"After seeing the specialist on Tuesday, Bryan as advised that it would be in his best interests to have an operation next week but he said he anted it done immediately. It is a terrible blow but we cannot afford to feel sorry for ourselves; we must get over it and carry on without him," be

Since sustaining the injury during the game against Liverpool at Antield on December 23, Robson has been unable to train and has missed United's last eight

Despite Robson's claim that he is no more prone to serious injury than is any other player he has suffered at least one major fitness problem in each

Moseley in from the cold St Lucia - Ezra Moseley yesterday became the first has been chosen strictly on form, after taking 22 wickets Cricket Council agreement was reached a year ago, allow-ing an amnesty for those with

West Indian to benefit from the new international cricket accord on South Africa (Alan Lee writes). Moseley, banned six years ago, has been named in the 13-man West Indies by Carl Hooper, of Guyana, party for next week's two and Carlisle Best, the cheerful opening one-day inter- Barbadian. There is no room nationals against England in for Keith Arthurton, who

From Alan Lee

Cricket Correspondent St Lucia

As the England party braced

itself for the expected news

that Ricardo Ellcock's first

tour has met a summary end,

more anxiety darkened their horizon. Gladstone Small's

susceptible joints have let him

down again and he will defi-nitely miss the four-day game

with the Windward Islands

Small's condition is poten-

tially alarming for the touring

eam as, along with Angu

Fraser, he represents the reli-

able quality in an otherwise plement so early on."

starting here today.

Port of Spain. Moseley, aged 32, a seam bowler who spent several years in county cricket with Glamorgan and is now being actively pursued by Surrey, has created a little history at the main expense of Franklyn Stephenson, whose reputation in England had marked him out as the likeliest of the reprieved players to gain

recognition. Stephenson, however, is not rated so highly in the Carib-

The skipper of Rothmans

reports from the Round the World Yacht Racc

temporary orange buoy shortly before the start was impossible

to spot in the melée. We came

across it purely by chance and

the Merit crew lost their early

lager 2 and Fisher &

lead by over-standing hadly.

Paykel, the two local boats,

were affected most by the

adverse wake from well-wish-

ers, but they caught us up again at the first headland

after the rest of us ran out of

and-tuck ever since, with all hands performing a continu-

ons round of exhausting sail

SPORT IN BRIEF

We have been playing nip-

Lawrie

Smith

in regional first-class cricket

Kitts on Monday to rest a

niggling shoulder strain, but it

was no better yesterday and he

was unable to practise at

Victoria Park, the at-

mospheric little sports ground

This is a new injury for

where the tour resumes today.

Small, who has been plagued

by many similar ailments over

recent years, and the tour

manager, Peter Lush, ex-plained: "He can be dis-

counted from this next match

but it is too early to say any

Moseley joins an otherwise familiar and predictable party in which the contentious batting places have been claimed treated England's bowling so

dismissively in St Kitts. Patrick Patterson, who heads the first-class bowling averages here, has also been omitted for these first two games in a five-match limited overs series. But his extra race may be used in the first Test, on his home ground in

Birthday celebrations cause a problem

Without any pattern to the

wind, it has been almost impossible to plan abend.

Instead, all the yachts, which

are now spread over a wide

area, took advantage of what

local winds their crews could

find, and like as have doubt-

less cursed their luck when

changeable conditions has been Cyclone Nancy, which has twirled its way across the

Tasman Sea towards New

fluence of the strong winds, but being the most southerly in

the fleet we hope to be among

the first to pick up the

westerlies today. In the light of these change-

able conditions, the perfor-

Zealand's South Island.

Yesterday Rothmans

mains just outside the

The reason behind these

falling into holes.

The West Indian players England. who toured South Africa were all banned for life from domestic and national cricket. bean and his fellow-Barbadian But when the International

changes in an effort to squeeze every last ounce of speed from the ever swinging breeze.

mance of Pierre Felhmann's Merit has been little short of remarkable. On earlier legs,

the session in which Ellcock must indicate his recovery afflicted him on the second

Ten Of Spades (Kevin Mooney, left) masters Paddyboro (Peter Hobbs) at the last in the Charterhouse Mercantile Handican Chase at Ascot yesterday

Ellcock, who went to the same school in Barbados before

both became naturalized

Englishmen, was going

from the back injury which day of the tour. Plainly, it did not proceed to plan. The runnos were uneven, the net pitch was untrustworthy and Elcock, having bowled the equivalent of six overs at

past South African links, the West Indies Board of Control

reassessed its stance and in-

vited all such players to apply

Life had been difficult for

some when they returned to their islands, although not all

found the reaction unforgiv-

game. Two who applied un-

successfully to be taken back

by their regional teams were

Colin Croft and Alvin Kalli-

charran. Moseley and

Stephenson are, so far, the

only banned players to have

returned to the first-class

same and both may now play

our two sloops have been evenly matched, but so far

during this stage, the Bruce

Farr design has proved consid

erably faster in light winds.

During the first 24 hours, she

not only had the less on the

two New Zealand ketches, but

pulled out a 33-mile lead over

is. We have since cut this back

to 17, but we still need to hit

the strong westerlies first if we

Since it is not allowed under

are to draw back level

part in the campaign against

ing. But several gave up the

for reinstatement.

more. It is naturally worrying to be short of our full com-It was ironical that, while

Oulook bleak for Ellcock

twice in the rib cage, persuad-ing him to retire ruefully, but through a private agony on a more than once his grimacing

totally unsuitable net surface. expression at the point of delivery told its sad story of a man demonstrably not fit enough for the undertaking at A pronouncement on his possible return to England can

be expected today and Lush he attempted to deflect such speculation. Finally, he admitted: "Ricky is a bit stiff." So soon after the exercise, this seemed tantamount to saying he had broken down.

team manager, Micky Stewart, around his shoulders.

Ellcock did muster the

hostility to hit Wayne Larkins

England arrived on this green, volcanic island, fresh from a day off. Stewart did not let them forget it. He urged them through a session of sprints and stamina work so severe it would have had the touring teams of an earlier age recoiling in horror.

Allan Lamb, yet to play on the tour due to a calf injury sustained road-running, will be included today against one of the Caribbean's more

The Windwards cannot boast a single Test player as Winston Davis will miss the match with a minor injury. Neil Williams, the Middlesex seam bowler from St Vincent, is also out with a broken bone in his hand and the greatest threat to the touring side may come from the two experienced slow bowlers. Javan Etienne and Thomas Kentish.

Roaring Forties, sweltering under a hot sun in T-shirts and

shorts. Indeed, it was so hot

yesterday that Kim Morton.

my No. 2, is now suffering from the ill-effects of samburn

- a stark change from the

frost-bite conditions we en-

dured in these same latitudes

during the second stage of this

race from Uruguay to

celebrating Russell Pickthall's

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By Michael Seely

The great public debate about whether Desert Orchid should run in the Grand National is now being reflected in a difference of opinion between David Elsworth, the trainer, and Richard Burridge, the principal shareholder in the flying grey.

At Ascot yesterday, Eisworth, who is broadly in favour of Desert Orchid running, clearly resented ques-tions about his National plans. "I'm surprised you asked me that," he said. "All along I made it plain that we won't be considering the matter until after the Cheltenham Gold

Cup. Of course, if Richard Burridge doesn't want to run, it's his horse and he can take him out." However, Burridge, interviewed on television and elsewhere, was adamant in his opinion, "David has made many inspired and brave de-

cisions about Desert Orchid. But I don't want the horse to run in the National this year. "It seems ludicrous to His planned programme all along has been the King George, the Gold Curp and finally the Whitbread, And I wouldn't want to see him running over 41/2 miles at Liverpool under 12st 2lb after a hard race at Cheltenham. He'd be much better off in the

and over his favourite track, "I'd like to see him taken out of the National at the next forfeit stage on February 13. David knows my thinking and I know his, but someone's got

Whitbread after a longer rest

to take the decision. "I've nothing against the National itself. I'd like to see him run in the race next year and be specially trained for

Corals, the bookmakers, reacted to Burridge's comm by withdrawing Desert Orchid, their original 10-1 favourite, from their ante-post list on the Grand National

Desert Orchid, withdrawn from yesterday's Charter-house Mercantile Chase, is due to travel to Wincanton this afternoon for the Racing

In Wessex Chase. Explaining his thinking Elsworth said: The going had become very testing and in the

high winds it would have been asking too much of him to give so much weight away carrying 12 stone, "It will be easier at

Wincanton where its a conditions race and he's conceding a maximum of 13lb."

Racing, pages 40-41

the rules to change the displacement or trim of a yacht through the celebrations toduring the race we can only assume this added zip is down to new sails the Swiss maxi

Freemantle.

shipped in Auckland. The upside to Nancy's effect

on the weather systems, has been the beautiful conditions we have enjoyed since the birthday twice over. At one point yesterday, it looked as if we might cross the international dateline midway day. Thankfully the strengthening westerlies car-ried us over in time, much to the relief of our cook. John

Harris, who was worried that an order for two cakes would leave him short of mix for my own birthday in 10 days' time

start. We are now in the Latest positions, page 43 Hi-tech to detect forgeries

monitoring system after becoming concerned at the increase in ticket forgeries and the activities of touts which has resulted in tickets chang-

Bill Hogg, the SRU sectaken against clubs and

Hogg sent a letter to all an offence". clubs advising them of their SRU is the loss of a batch of tickets (Red 06361-06460 for

Advertisements for wanting tickets for the international matches appear regularly in newspapers. On this matter, ing hands at many times their Hogg said: "Our lawyers have contacted these persons placing the adverts and asked

Ticket touting is not illegal, but Chief Superintendant Jim Taylor "touting may become

In Ireland the touts have

where the measure of stamping each ticket has proved successful. The SRU aiready has the facility to detect

Chief Superintendant Johnstone also stated his concern about latecomers and about the continuing problem of alcohol in grounds prohibited under the Criminal Justice (Scotland Act) of 1980.

 Brendan Mullin, the Ireland and British Lions centre, is to have an operation today which is likely to keep him out of Ireland's XV to play France in Paris on March 3 (David #7 Hands writes). Mullin, nged 26, who won his 31st cap against Scotland at the weekend, must have a piece of damaged cartilage removed.

Scottish sanad, page 42

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officer, said yestero

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Elliott's return

Peter Elliott will make his first British appearance since his victory in the 1,500 metres in the Commonwealth Games when he competes for Great Britain against East Germany at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, on February 23.

Elliott is to run in the 800 metres in the Dairy Crest Games, raising the possibility of a meeting with Jens-Peter Herold, who took a bronze medal behind Elliott at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

Colombo (Reuter) - Brendon

Kuruppu, the wicketkeeper-

batsman, has been called into

the injury-hit Sri Lankan

cricket team which is touring

Called in

Zico: farewell game Zico bows out

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter) -Zico, one of Brazil's most distinguished football internationals played his farewell game at the Maracana stadium on Tuesday in front of nearly 100,000 supporters. Some of the best players of the last 10 years took part, as well as Flamengo, Zico's club.

New name East Berlin (Reuter) - The

Dynamo Berlin football club ants to start the second half of the season this month with a new name to reflect its break with the now-defunct Stasi security police.

Right spirit The future of the Bell's Scottish Open golf championship

has been secured for at least another five years following the signing of a new contract by Arthur Bell Distillers, the

Postponed The Hospitals Cup rugby

union semi-final between St Mary's and Charing Cross-Westminster, scheduled for Motspur Park yesterday, was postponed because of the weather. No new date has yet been

The Scottish Rugby Union is the French match and Blue to consider the use of a hi-tech 06551-06640 for the Calcutta

face value retary, said at Murrayfield them to desist from so doing yesterday: "Action has been Ticket touting is not illegated. schools where allocated tickets Johnstone, the SRU police have been sold on to outside adviser, said: "The conduct of buyers at excessive prices. In both the buyer and seller falls such circumstances we have within the crime of obstrucstopped the allocation of tick- tion." Johnstone added that ets to the clubs or schools after the report of Lord Justice

responsibilities in this matter. been discouraged from operat-Of particular concern to the ing near Lansdowne Road.

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